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UP TO DATE  
AMY JOHNSON  
STARTS  
FAR EAST FLIGHT  
BOUND FOR PEKING  
VIA MOSCOW.

UNHEALED SOLO TRIP  
FROM ENGLAND.

LANDS AT LIEGE.

Amy Johnson is once again in the limelight. Unhealed until an announcement was made in the Daily Mail that a start had been made, she set out yesterday on a flight to Peking, her route involving the crossing of the Siberian wastes at a particularly difficult time of the year.

London, Dec. 21. The Daily Mail announces that Miss Amy Johnson, the world's most famous aviatrice by reason of her brilliant flight to Australia, has started on a solo flight to Peking from England, travelling via Moscow.—Reuter.

Later. Miss Amy Johnson left Stag Lane Aerodrome at 10.40 a.m. on her flight to Peking, after being held up owing to fog.

Quick Trip?

Interviewed by Reuter prior to the start, she said the whole route was not definitely mapped, but she hoped to get to Berlin on the first day, Warsaw on the second and Moscow on the third. She would then fly to Omsk and afterwards follow the trans-Siberian railway route.—Reuter.

London, Jan. 1.

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Gipsy Moth Plane.

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She was wearing a parachute on her back, in case of emergency.

In an interview, Amy said she had no idea exactly how long it would take for her to reach China. She was in no particular hurry, and she expressed a doubt whether she could get beyond Brussels on the first day owing to the blanket of snow over Europe.

Fearful Hazards.

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She stated that she is proposing to change the wheels of her plane skin on reaching Moscow.

The Soviet Embassy told Reuter that there were air routes all over Russia and that if Miss Johnson succeeded in reaching the aerodrome she would be all right.

Extremely Plucky.

But it was an extremely difficult and extremely plucky flight to undertake, particularly at this time of the year.

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Later. Miss Amy Johnson landed at Liege, on the Belgian border, at 4.15 p.m. to-day.—Reuter.

EXCITEMENT IN CHESS MATCH.

INDIAN PLAYER DEFEATS CAPABLANCA.

London, Jan. 1. In the third round of the International Chess Congress at Hastings, a sensation was created by the defeat of the famous world champion, Capablanca.

This notable performance was achieved by an Indian, Sultan Khan, the champion of Britain, in sixty-five moves.

In the course of the game, Khan sacrificed his queen for two rooks. This is the first game that Capablanca has ever lost in a tournament in England, while Khan is hitherto the only player at Hastings who has won all his games.—Reuter.

BOMBAY NEW YEAR FURORE.

BRITISH AND INDIAN TROOPS IN CLASHES.

MANY CASUALTIES.

Bombay, Jan. 1.

The New Year dawned ominously in India, set loose clashes taking place in Bombay last night in spite of every precaution by the authorities.

The All-India Congress "Wad Cotin" in defiance of the police had organised a number of meetings throughout the city at midnight, to celebrate the passing of the resolution at the Lahore Congress, which demanded complete independence for India.

The greatest of these demonstrations was planned to take place on the Chowpatty Sands. The police, meantime, took elaborate precautions, while Indian troops were posted at strategic points and a company of the East Lancashire Regiment was drawn up, in the moonlight, on Chowpatty Beach.

In spite of this show of force, the crowds rolled up and skirmishes soon followed.

By two o'clock in the morning, sixty-two persons had been so seriously injured as to require their despatch to hospital, while ten others were very seriously hurt when the police were ordered to charge with staves. Several charges were necessary before the crowds dispersed.

In the neighbourhood of the sea-front party of police was surrounded by a crowd, which began hurling stones.

The officer in charge finally ordered his squad to open fire, and nine of the demonstrators were wounded. Further police charges cleared the streets and all was quiet by four o'clock.—Reuter.

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WE MUST STAND AS A UNITED PEOPLE.

London, Jan. 1.

His Majesty the King, replying to a message from the Lord Mayor of London conveying New Year greetings, says that while hopeful of satisfactory results from recent important conferences, the most sanguine minds cannot fail to realize the difficulties and anxieties which confront us at home and overseas.

His Majesty declares: All the more, therefore, we must stand as a united people, resolutely determined to find and follow the sure road which will lead the Empire to lasting peace and prosperity.—Reuter.

London, Jan. 1.

The dollar value of the Hongkong dollar showed a further decline this morning, the opening rate being 1s. 07/8d. This represents a drop of 1/8d. as compared with Wednesday's quotation.

THE DOLLAR DECLINE.

The sterling value of the Hongkong dollar showed a further decline this morning, the opening rate being 1s. 07/8d. This represents a drop of 1/8d. as compared with Wednesday's quotation.

KNIGHTHOOD FOR MR. HORNELL.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO HONOURED.

LOCAL PERSONALITIES IN NEW YEAR LIST.

POLICE DISTINCTION.

His Excellency the Governor and the Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University figure prominently in the New Year Honours List. Sir William Peel gets the K.C.M.G. decoration, whilst Mr. W. W. Hornell receives a Knighthood.

Other local honours are as follows:

O.B.E. (Civil Division).—Mr. Edgar William Carpenter, Assistant Director of Public Works.

M.B.E. (Military Division).—Sergeant Major William Harold Edmonds, Inspector of Works, P.W.D.

King's Police Medal.—Mr. Walter Kent, Assistant Superintendent of Police.

Governor's Honour.

There will be general congratulations to His Excellency Sir William Peel on his receiving a further mark of His Majesty's favour. It was in 1926 that Mr. Peel (as he then was) received the C.M.G. decoration, being at the time Chief Secretary of the F.M.S., whilst in 1928, in which year he proceeded Home on special duty at the Colonial Office, he was created a Knight of the Order of the British Empire.

It was in May last that His Excellency came to Hongkong as Governor in succession to Sir Cecil Clementi, the whole of his previous Colonial service having been in Malaya. During his 33 years in the Malayan Civil Service, His Excellency proved himself a notably able, experienced and tactful administrator, enjoying the confidence of the Rulers and of all the communities in the Federation to a marked degree. Whilst he received many congratulations on his elevation to the Governorship of Hongkong, there was universal regret in the F.M.S. when he severed his lengthy and beneficial association with Malaya.

Golden Opinions.

During his brief period of service in Hongkong, His Excellency has won golden opinions, not only because of his charm of manner and happy disposition, but also by reason of his marked abilities as an administrator. He has secured a remarkably quick grasp of the Colony's problems and has shown himself a man of determination to pursue any course to which he has committed himself after due consideration. He has particularly concerned himself with the crisis through which the Colony is passing as a result of the decline in the value of the dollar, insisting wherever possible on economy in the administration of Hongkong's affairs. His appointment of a Retrenchment Committee, with wide powers of reference, may be cited in this connexion. A hard worker, with a high sense of his responsibilities, he has also made a large circle of friends in the social and sporting life of the Colony, and there will be general agreement amongst all sections of the community that the latest honour conferred on him has been thoroughly deserved.

Long Overdue.

The rebels are adopting guerrilla tactics, including an attempt to demolish a bridge seventy miles from Rangoon. They have damaged the railway line some 73 miles from Rangoon and consequently no trains are being run during the night between Rangoon and Prome. Even small trains will only be run during the day-time.

Numerous villages have been deserted and the cattle are straying into the paddy-fields. Some of the places are burning.

The presence of rebels is indicated by heavy smoke ascending from the depths of the inaccessible jungle.

It is now estimated that the Lewis-guns on Pashegyaw killed a hundred of five hundred men, who attacked the camp.—Reuter.

BLOODSHED IN BURMA.

FEARFUL REBEL LOSSES.

FIERCE BATTLES.

Rangoon, Jan. 1.

A battle in the open between rebel tribesmen and troops occurred in the Pashegyaw District, where the rebels twice attempted to invade the camps of the Burma Rifles and the Kachin Rifles.

The military replied with Lewis guns, inflicting extremely heavy casualties on the rebels.

All women and children have been removed from Tharrawaddy to forest bungalows following a rumoured intended night attack, which did not eventuate.

The villagers in the Tharrawaddy District have deserted their homes to join the rebels.

A number of prominent leaders in the Labour Party have been honoured.

Peers.

Peers have been conferred on the following:

Sir John Hindley, commercial adviser to the Mines Department since 1918. He is a partner in the firm of Stephenson, Clarke and Co., and was formerly a member of the Coal Controller's Export Advisory Committee.

Sir Ernest Lamb, former Member of Parliament and member of the City of London Corporation since 1903. A noted Free churchman, he is Lay Representative to the Wesleyan Methodist Conference and Treasurer of its Temperance and Social Welfare Department.

Sir William Mender, twice past president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, who has presided over many committees and Royal Commissions on commercial and financial questions at home and abroad. He was first Independent Chairman of the National Board for the Coal Industry.

Sir Ernest Rutherford, former president of the Royal Society, the well-known physicist and authority on radio activity. He has been Cavendish Professor of Experimental Physics at Cambridge since 1919 and has been awarded numerous medals for his researches.

Baronetcies.

New Baronets include:

Sir John Bradford, president of the Royal College of Physicians since 1926 and late member of the Senate, University of London. He was George Henry Lewis Scholar, and since entering the medical profession has held many important posts. Served with great distinction in the War and was made C.B. and C.B.E. He has published many papers on Medical and scientific subjects.

Mr. Ernest Dohenam, a Director of Lloyd's Bank and Royal Exchange Assurance Corporation.

Sir Richard Gregory, the noted Professor of Astronomy of Queen's College, and former president of the Royal Meteorological Society and many other societies. He has written several text-books on physical geography, physiography, experimental science, physics and chemistry.

Sir George May, Member of the Council of the Institute of Actuaries, Secretary to the Prudential Assurance Co. and a Director of the British Overseas Bank.

Mr. George Roberts, who under the pseudonym of "Audax" presented a hundred thousand guineas to the King Edward's Hospital Fund in March 1929 as a blank offering for His Majesty King George's recovery from his long illness.

Privy Councillors.

New Privy Councillors are:

Sir George Perley, a former High Commissioner for Canada and Minister of Overseas Military Forces of Canada. He is now a Minister without portfolio in the Canadian Government.

Mr. Thomas Kennedy, the Chief Labour Whip in 1921-2, and 1928-9 and has been Chief Whip since 1927. He has represented Kirkcaldy in Parliament since 1921.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Member for Fife, who has been a Member of Parliament since 1922.

FIGHTING BANDITS IN NICARAGUA.

Washington, Jan. 1.

Eight members of the United States Marine Corps were killed to-day in a fierce encounter with bandits in the mountainous regions of Nicaragua.—Reuters.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Min-

FOUR NEW PEERS IN THE HONOURS LIST.

"AUDAX" BECOMES A BARONET.

ART, MUSIC AND SCIENCE DISTINCTIONS.

FORTY KNIGHTHOODS.

London, Jan. 1.

Recognition of distinguished services in the art, music, medical and scientific worlds forms the main feature of the New Year's Honours List, which includes four new peers, five baronetcies, three Privy Councillors, and over forty knighthoods, including twenty in the Dominions, India and the Colonies.

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The protector of lifeINQUEST ON SERGT.  
J. J. POST.STATEMENTS REGARDING  
AMBULANCE DELAY.

An inquest on Lance Sergeant J. J. Post, who died as the result of a motor-cycle mishap in Lower Albert Road on Christmas Day, was held by Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy, on Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. I. Newton stated that the deceased was admitted into the Government Civil Hospital in a deeply unconscious condition, but became semi-conscious the following day. He muttered to himself but was entirely incoherent.

A post mortem examination on December 28, disclosed a fracture at the base of the skull and considerable laceration of the brain. There was also an abrasion on the left knee cap.

## No Ambulance.

Mr. J. Harrop stated that at 2.45 p.m. on Christmas Day, he was proceeding up Ice House Street, approaching the top of the slope, when he saw a crowd of Chinese grouped around a European in moffi. A great quantity of congealed blood was on the roadway. He was informed by one of the crowd that an ambulance had been sent for, but was not available.

Witness sent his car on to the Central Police Station to make a report later following the car himself. On the way he met a car going eastwards in the direction of the scene of the accident. He called to a policeman whom he saw in the car that, if he knew anything about first-aid, his services were required round the corner. The man apparently understood him, but when witness returned to the scene no policeman or car was there. Nor did he find any ambulance. After waiting four or five minutes, and recognizing the urgency of the case, witness said he had the injured man conveyed in his car to the Government Civil Hospital. He then went to the Central Police Station where he reported the accident.

Mr. Lindsell: As a Coroner, I have to state my opinion, that your action in this case has been very praiseworthy.

Sergt. A. Kinnair said he was in his quarters at the Central Police Station, when, at 2.45 p.m., he was sent for by Sub-Inspector McWalter on charge-room duty. On the latter's instructions, he went on foot to Lower Albert Road, accompanied by a Chinese detective.

At a spot 80 yards east of the top of Ice House St. he found a motor-cycle solo, No. 1132. It was lying on its right side on the outer side of the road, with the front wheel across the gutter. He learned that the injured man had been removed to the Government Civil Hospital. The cycle was in neutral, between second and third gear.

Replies to the Coroner, witness said that on being sent for he proceeded straight to the scene of the accident without any delay.

One Ambulance Under Repair.  
Sub-Inspector G. R. McWalter said he was on charge-room duty, when, at 2.40 p.m., a Chinese came in and made a report of the accident. Prior to that he had received no news of it. He sent for Sergeant Kinnair and instructed him to proceed to the scene. At the same time he rang up the Fire Brigade and was informed that one ambulance was out and the other under repair. He also learned that the Fire Brigade had already been informed of the accident and had sent for the Tung Wah Hospital ambulance. He recognized the cycle as belonging to P. C. Doyle. Earlier that day, he had seen Sergeant Post leaving the Station on it.

Witness informed the Traffic Department accordingly. Between 8 o'clock that morning and 8 a.m. the following day Sergeant Post was down for Traffic Reserve duty. At noon, he asked witness for permission to go out, but arranged with witness that if he was required, he could be sent for over the telephone at the Wanchai

## Police Station.

Mr. P. Blundell said that Sergeant Post, with two other officers, visited him that day at No. 1, Ventriss Road. They stayed for about 20 minutes and Sergeant Post had a small whisky before he left.

the house. He was then perfectly sober. During the period that he knew Sergeant Post, witness had known him as a very sober man indeed.

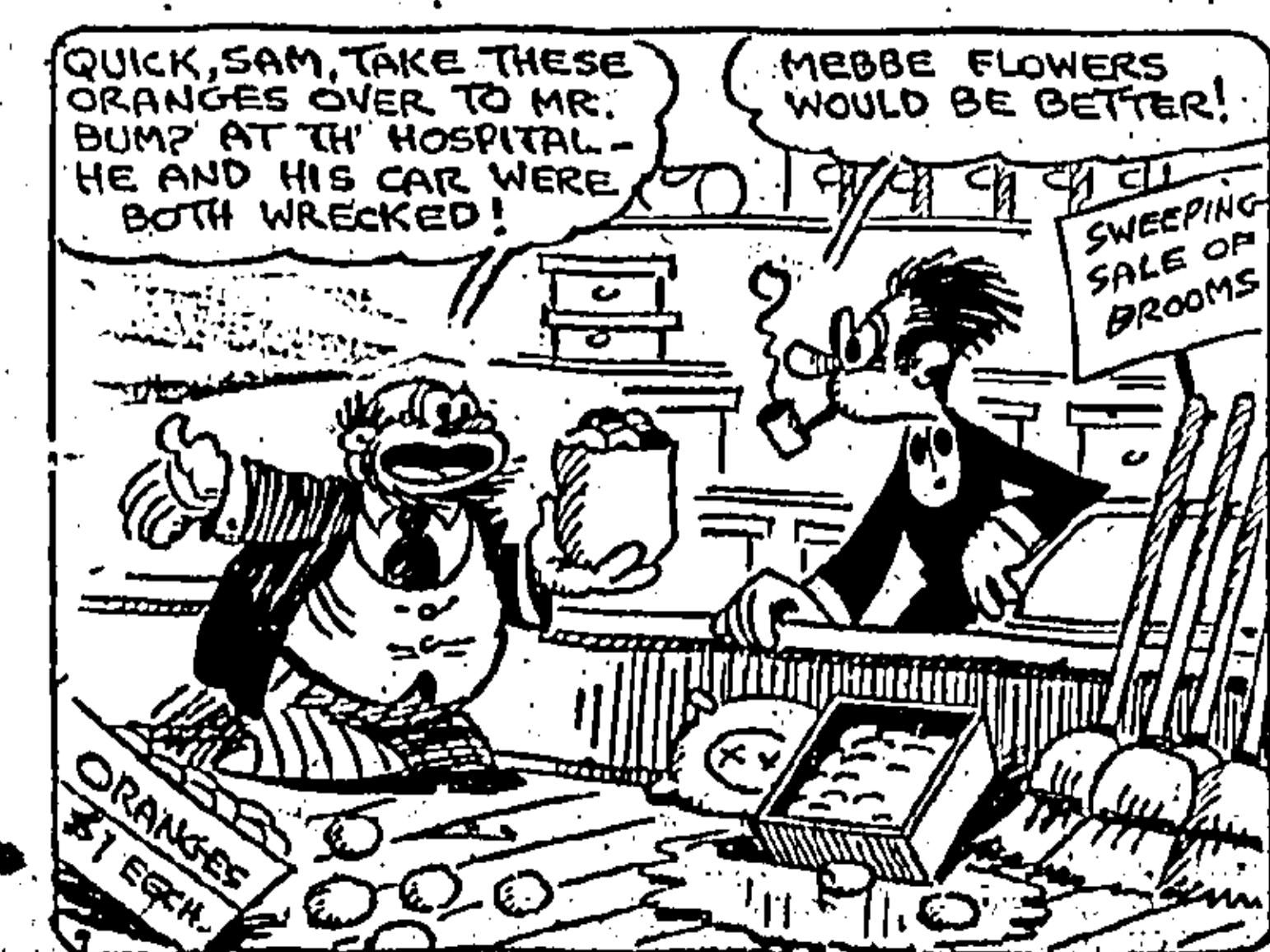
Acting Sub-Inspector E. A. Post, deceased's brother, said the

deceased visited him in his quarters at the No. 2 Station that day, when the deceased had a small whisky, and was perfectly sober when he left. Witness had never seen him under the influence of liquor.

Another Police witness said Sergeant Post had been riding P. C. Doyle's machine a number of times, and had never had any difficulty with it.

The inquiry was adjourned until 11.30 to-morrow morning.

## SALESMAN SAM

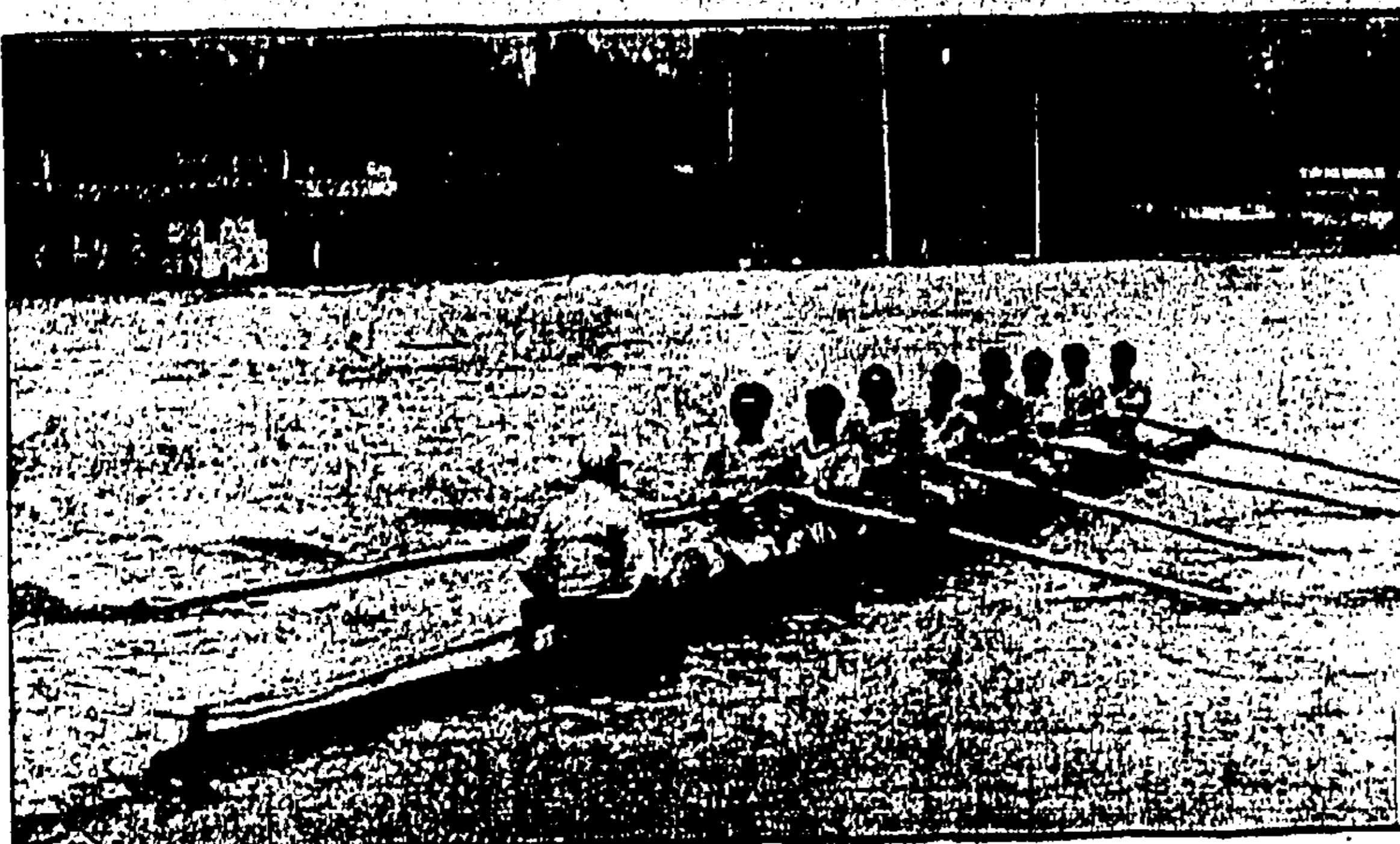


## He Meant Well



By Small





The winning "A" crew in the Oxford Trial Eights at Henley. They won by two lengths. (Times copyright.)



Cambridge Trial Eights "B" crew practising on the Ouse at Ely. (Times copyright.)



Mr. Hamaguchi after he was shot at Tokyo recently.



Striking photo taken outside the Cap.tol in Washington.



Premier Hamaguchi's assailant under guard following the outrage.



Clive Dog-Rose, champion Hereford at Birmingham Show. (Times copyright.)



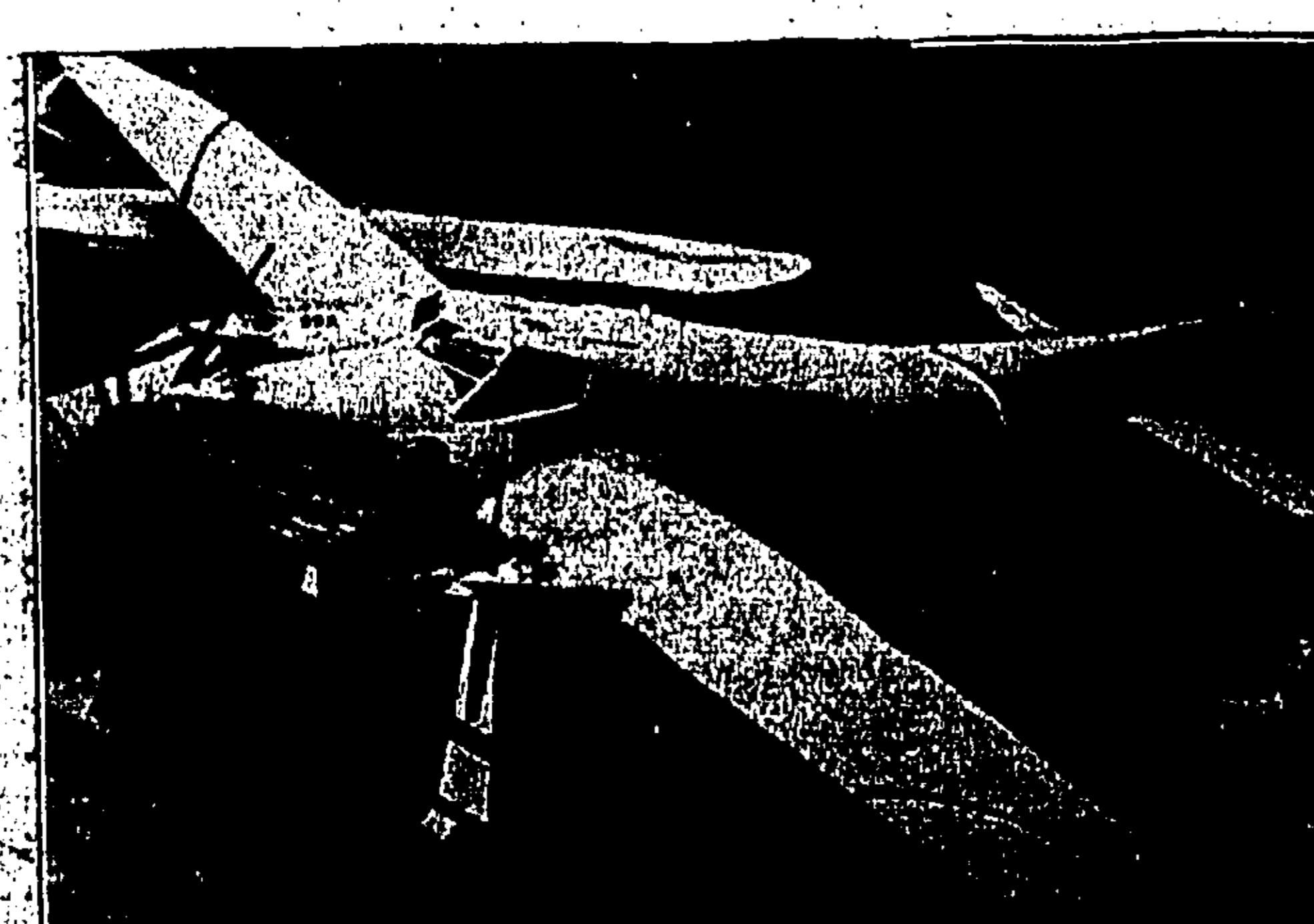
Mrs. Hayward who was rescued from bandits in N. China recently.



Eulima of Kilham, an Aberdeen-Angus, adjudged supreme champion of the Birmingham Fat Stock Show. (Times copyright.)



The teddy bear looks slightly doubtful as to what it is all about—this festive season.

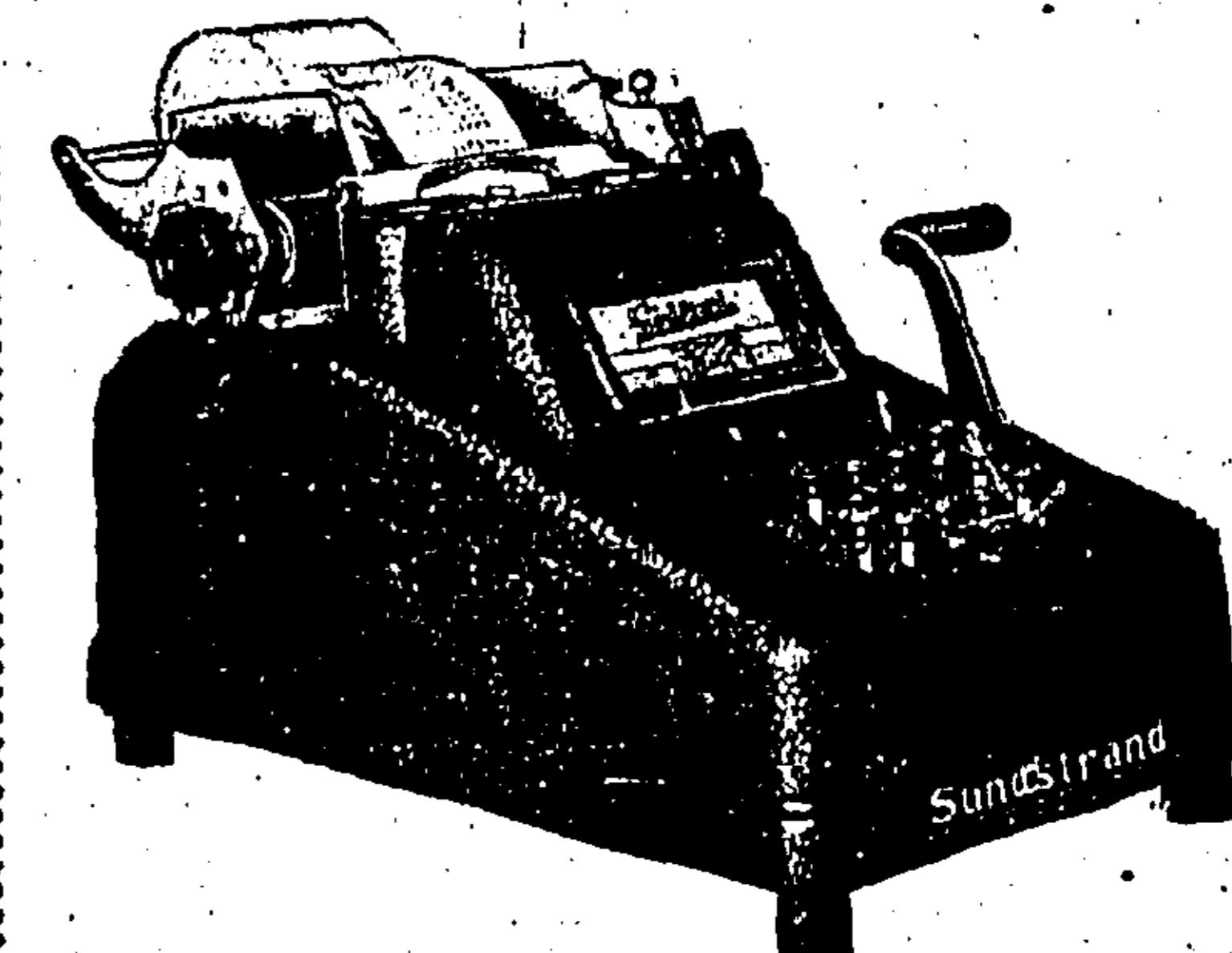


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Commissioner of Chinese Customs,  
Kowloon and District.  
York Building,  
Hongkong, 31st December, 1930.

G. R.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 5th day of January, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shunshuiho, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upper Price
1	New Kowloon Island Between Kowloon St. and Lots No. 142 and 151, Cheung Sha Wan Road.	As per sale plan.	About 1,188	\$10	\$2,079

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## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upper Price
2	New Kowloon Island No. 142 Between Kowloon St. and Shamshuiho Street, Cheung Sha Wan Road.	As per sale plan.	About 7,544	\$58	\$11,016

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## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upper Price
3	Adjoining Land No. 142 Kowloon Island Street, Shamshuiho Road.	As per sale plan.	About 6,800	\$34	\$20,008

G. R.

NOTICE.  
We have this day accorded the firm's procuracy to Mr. Jono Francisco Vitoria Ribeiro.

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Mr. John Robinson of Swatow, and Mr. Alexander Henderson of Shanghai have this day been appointed Directors of this Company.

For Bradley & Co., Ltd.  
JOHN A. PLUMMER,  
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Hongkong, 1st January, 1930.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 8th January, 1931, will be subject to rent.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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We have this day accorded the firm's procuracy to Mr. Jono Francisco Vitoria Ribeiro.

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**FOUR NEW PEERS IN  
THE HONOURS LIST.**

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ister of Transport. He was educated at an elementary school and has successively been errand boy, shop assistant, telephone operator, and deputy newspaper circulation manager. He entered the L.C.C. and became leader of the Labour party in the Council. He was elected Mayor of Hackney in 1920 and represented S. Hackney in 1924 and again in the present Parliament. He was Secretary to the London Labour Party and Chairman of the National Labour Party in 1929.

**Order of Merit.**

The Order of Merit has been conferred upon:

Admiral Sir Charles Madden, who was appointed as First Sea Lord of the Admiralty in 1927 in succession to Lord Bently, but who retired in 1930. He was Commander-in-Chief of the Home and Atlantic Fleets in 1919, First and Principal Naval A.D.C. to the King between 1922-24 and promoted Admiral of the Fleet in 1924. He receives the Order for distinguished services in peace and war.

Mr. Philip Steer, in recognition of this position in the art world. He is a member of the New English Art Club, and honorary member of the Liverpool Academy of Arts. He is recognised as one of the most prominent painters and teachers in the Art World.

**Knighthoods.**

New knights include:

Mr. Norman Angell, Labour M.P. for North Bradford since 1929. He is the Editor of *Foreign Affairs* and author of the *Great Illusion* and other works. He has been a cowboy, a gold prospector and a journalist. His book "The Great Illusion" has been published in seventeen languages, including Chinese.

Dr. E. Graham Little, M.P. for London University since 1924. He is a member of the Senate of the University, Physician in charge of the Skin Department at St. Mary's Hospital and Consulting Physician to the East London Hospital for children.

Dr. John B. McEwen, Principal of the Royal Academy of Music since 1924, and Professor of Harmony and Composition for 26 years prior to 1924.

Professor William Rothenstein, Principal of the Royal College of Art since 1920. Trustee of the National Gallery of Millbank and one of the official artists to the British and Canadian Armies during the Great War.

Mr. James Sexton, M.P. for St. Helens since 1918. He is a prominent member of the Labour Party and for nearly forty years has been secretary of the National Union of Dock Labourers. He went to sea at the age of thirteen and is the author of some novels and plays.

Mr. Conrad Naeff, Accountant General of the Navy since 1924, in which department he has served since 1895.

Mr. Robert Young, who has been Labour M.P. for the Newton Division of Lancaster since 1919. During Labour's first term of office he was Chairman of Committees and Deputy-Speaker. He has been General Secretary of the Amalgamated Engineers' Union.

Mr. David Owen, the General Manager of the Port of London Authority.

Mr. Hugh Robertson, Founder of the Glasgow Orpheus Choir.

Mr. William Goodchild, Secretary to the British Delegation to the Reparations Commission.

Colonel Weston Jarvis, Chairman of the Council of the Royal Empire Society.

Mr. Lancelot Henry Elphinstone, Chief Justice of the Federated Malay States since 1929, and former Attorney General of Ceylon. Other decorations include:

**G.C.B.**

General Sir Robert Whigham, the King's Aide-de-Camp General. Sir Oswin Murray, Permanent

Secretary to the Admiralty since 1917.

**K.C.B.**

Vice-Admiral Wm. Archibald Kelly, formerly commanding the First Battle Squadron, and just appointed to the China Command. Vice-Admiral Reginald William Skelton, Engineer-in-Chief of the Fleet. He superintended the building of the Discovery for the National Antarctic Expedition in 1900 and became leader of the Labour party in the Council. He was elected Mayor of Hackney in 1920 and represented S. Hackney in 1924 and again in the present Parliament. He was Secretary to the London Labour Party and Chairman of the National Labour Party in 1929.

Mr. Frank Smith, Secretary to the Royal Society.

**G.C.M.G.**

H. H. Rajah Tunku Muhammed Yang di Pertuan Besar, Sultan of Negri Sembilan, who was created a Knight Commander (Hon.) of the Order in 1916.

Sir Francis Lindley, Ambassador at Lisbon.

Sir Robert Vansittart, Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister.

**K.C.M.G.**

Mr. Arthur William Hill, the Director of Kew Gardens. A much travelled man, he has visited, in the course of botanical researches, Iceland, Bolivia, Peru, West Indies, West Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Java, Malaya and Ceylon.

Mr. Meyrick Hewlett, C.M.G., Consul-General at Nanking since 1908. He has been in China for thirty-two years serving in the defence of the Legations during the Boxer risings.

**C.M.G.**

Mr. Montague Rendall, the Chairman of the School Empire Tour Committee.

Mr. Oswald White, British Consul-General at Seoul.

Mr. Michael James Lorrie, British Resident at Selangor.

**Companions of Honour.**

Mrs. Helena Swanwick, former British delegate to the League of Nations and president of the Women's International League. She is a member of the Royal Institute of International Affairs and of the Fabian Society.

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**KNIGHTHOOD FOR  
MR. HORNELL.**

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ledge of the facilities provided by the Colony's major educational institution and securing funds on its behalf.

**Boxer Indemnity Effects.**

But transcending his activities in this connexion may be mentioned the tremendous amount of work which he put in, both through the local Government and by special visits to London, to secure for the University a share in the Boxer Indemnity Fund. Happily, his labours in this respect have been crowned with success, and it may be presumed that in the conferring of his Knighthood this circumstance has been particularly taken into account.

**Nearly Seven Years. Here.**

Sir William arrived in Hongkong to take over the Vice-Chancellorship in February 1924, in succession to Sir William Brunton.

He was previously in the Indian Educational Service for many years with an interval at the Board of Education in London, and immediately prior to coming to Hongkong was Director of Public Instruction in India. He received the C.I.E. decoration in 1918. He is a brother of Mr. E. B. Hornell, former Secretary of the China Sugar Refinery Company. The whole Colony will join with us in sincere congratulation to our new Knight.

**C.M.G.**

Mr. Edgar William Carpenter, O.B.E.—

Mr. Edgar William Carpenter will also be the recipient of many congratulations on the honour which has been conferred on him and which he so warmly deserves.

He has been for nearly thirty years in the service of the Government, during which time he has rendered yeoman service to the Colony. He was appointed Assistant Engineer in the P.W.D. in April, 1901, and by successive steps has risen to the important position of Assistant Director of Public Works.

He was for some time in charge of the Drainage Department, but has for some years been Assistant Director with special reference to Kowloon and the New Territories.

In 1926, he was a member of the Bathing Beaches Resources Committee and in 1929 was a member of the Labour Advisory Board and Water Emergency Officer in connexion with the water shortage crisis, rendering extremely valuable services.

During his lengthy residence in the Colony, he has made innumerable friends, and has been especially associated with the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, of which he has been Commodore. A hard worker and a man of sterling qualities, he was well earned the honour which now falls to him.

**Sergt. Minj. W. H. Edmonds, M.B.E.**

Sergeant Major William Harold Edmonds, who gets the M.B.E. decoration, has for many years been prominently associated with the Volunteer Defence Corps, in which he has long held his present rank, whilst in the absence of Mr. Westlake on leave, he has acted as Corps Sergeant Major. He is extremely popular amongst all who have come into contact with him, and the honour now conferred is a mark of his extremely valuable services. He arrived in the Colony in February, 1911, on being appointed Second Class Overseer in the P.W.D., and in 1914 was promoted First Class Overseer. Ten years later, he became Senior Overseer, and in 1925 the title was altered to that of Inspector of Works.

**Mr. Waller Kent.**

The honour conferred on Mr. Waller Kent, marks the conclusion of a lengthy career with the Hongkong Police, which began in 1898, when he was appointed constable in the Force.

He became Sergeant in 1904, Second-Class Inspector in 1914, and full Inspector in 1919. He was for a time Inspector in charge of the Traffic Department,

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**CINEMA NOTES.**

**"THE DIVINE LADY" AT  
MAJESTIC.**

Possibly never before on the screen have so many famous historical characters been depicted in one picture as in "The Divine Lady," First National's big production starring Gailor Griffith, now showing at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon. With one or two minor exceptions, every character in the picture is an actual historical personage. Moreover, their actual existences have not been tampered with in the slightest degree for the sake of the story.

Lady Hamilton and Lord Nelson, played by Miss Griffith and Victor Varconi, are the principal characters. H. B. Warner has the role of Lord Hamilton, Ambassador to Naples. Then there are such famous personages as the Duchess of Argyll, the King and Queen of Naples, Napoleon, George Romney, the painter, Edmund Burke, Sir William Pitt and many other statesmen and members of the royalty of that time.

"The Divine Lady," a screen version of E. Barrington's novel of Nelson, was directed by Frank Lloyd as First National's biggest production of the year.

**"In Gay Madrid."**

Ramon Novarro is starred in the current attraction at the Queen's Theatre, entitled "In Gay Madrid." This is a dramatic romance, in which the eternal triangle comes into play. The play runs along conventional lines, but it is made attractive by the excellence of the production, the splendid acting, and some quite tuneful music. Ramon Novarro is the part of a gay young blood who is paired off to a small city in order that he may cut off from the gay life of Madrid. Of course, he falls in love and there are the customary complications and misunderstandings, ending in a duel, which, however, does not prove a sufficiently serious affair to interfere with the happy ending of the story.

In his love-making, his dramatic acting and his vocal numbers, Ramon Novarro is really excellent, whilst Dorothy Jordan plays opposite to him with much effect. All the other parts are in good hands, and the production is one which is sure to satisfy.

Besides the main film, there is an excellent news reel, in one item of which Mr. Baldwin gives his views on jumping, as well as a clever little study by Gertrude Lawrence entitled "Early Mourning."

**21 YEARS AGO.**

**SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE  
"TELEGRAPH" FILES.**

The following extracts are from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for the week ended December 31, 1900.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 9/9/16d.

The marriage took place at St. John's Cathedral of Mr. A. L. Sutton and Miss R. E. Kennett.

Thirteen Chinese were publicly executed at Canton for participating in armed robberies.

Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher was appointed Registrar of Trade Marks.

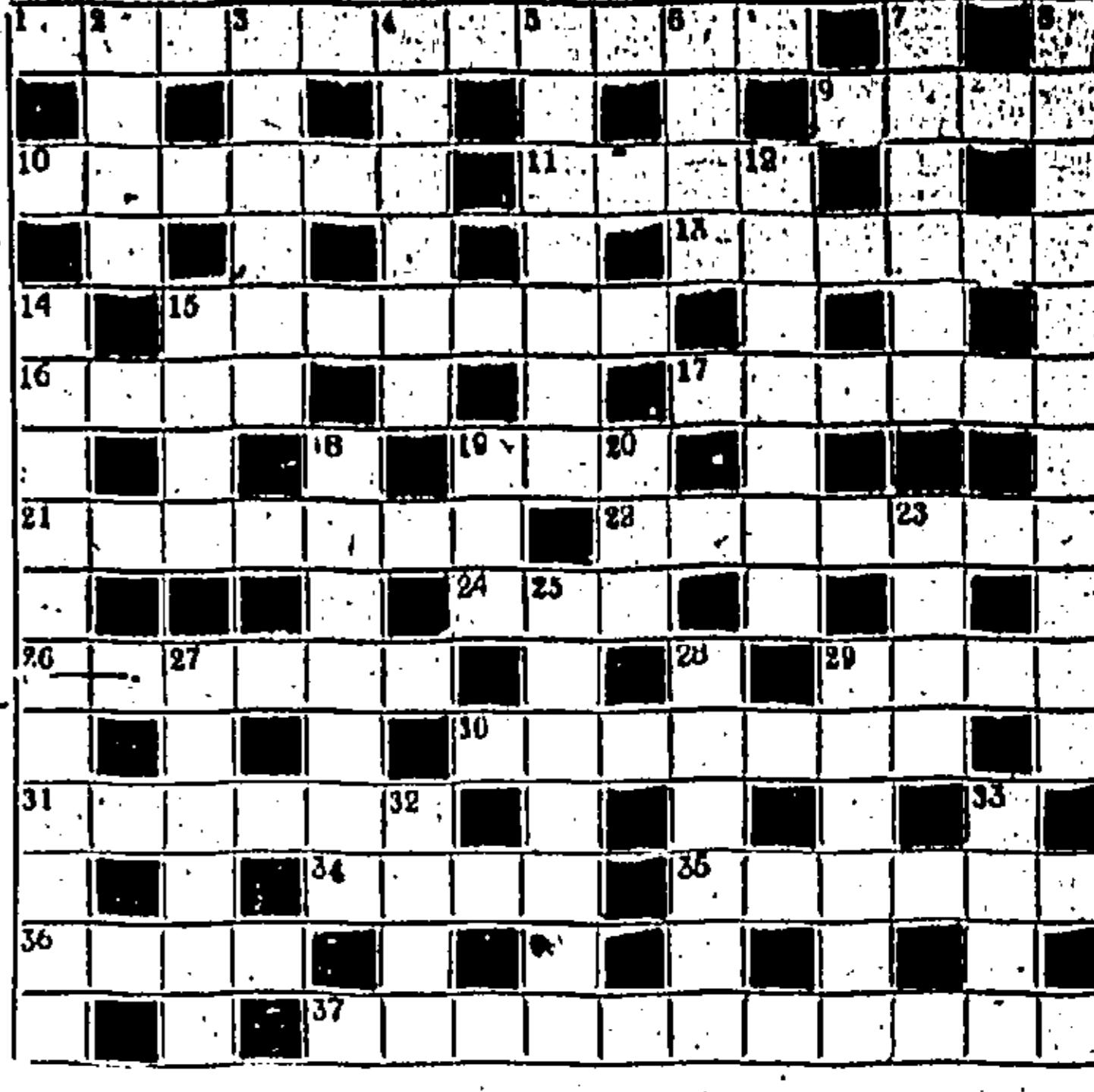
The annual cricket match between Hongkong C.C. and the United Services ended in a draw. T. E. Pearce scored 51 and 35, and A. C. E. Elborough 136.

He became Chief Inspector in 1916, and in 1928 was elevated to the rank of Assistant Superintendent, whilst in the following year he became Adjutant of the Police Reserve.

Mr. Kent has in all some 50 years' Imperial service to his credit, and the mark of favour now conferred on him is in every way deserved. He has rendered fine service to the Colony, and will be greatly missed when he goes on well-earned retirement.

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FRIDAY, JAN. 2, 1931.

SWEEPSTAKES FOR  
HOSPITALS.

The recent legalisation of sweepstakes, within certain limits, by the Hongkong Government invests with interest the efforts which are being made at Home along the same lines. We read in London newspapers that the Appeal Director of St. Bartholomew's Hospital has been approached with a view to running a big sweepstake on the lines of that recently conducted on behalf of Irish Hospitals. That sweepstake was run in connexion with an English Turf event, the November Handicap, but it could not be held in England, as the law there prohibits such methods of raising money. In Ireland, however, conditions are otherwise.

According to the St. Bart's official, prompt legalisation for a limited number of controlled schemes seems not only to be desirable but absolutely necessary. He says he has been approached by interests in a position to guarantee a prize fund up to half a million sterling, and he sees no reason why hospitals should not be permitted to benefit from such a method. It is evident, from the expressions of opinion in the newspapers, that the general public is very desirous of having the law affecting lotteries and sweepstakes altered. In the November Handicap thirty people divided £400,000 allotted as prizes in the Irish Free State Sweepstake. From this sweepstake, mainly financed by English money and concerned by English jockeys, over £120,000 was rendered available for distribution amongst Irish hospitals. It is not surprising, therefore, that English people should be asking why sweepstakes are not legalised in England. It is evident that English people do engage in sweepstakes, in spite of Post Office and other Government restrictions. It is also true that English hospitals are in need of money, and that they could easily secure it by this method. In this connexion, a prominent hospital official has mooted a scheme for raising money by a big British sweepstake abroad, but people would naturally prefer that it should be run in England. However, a questionnaire is being issued as a preliminary step to test public feeling, and if the response is favourable, as it must certainly will be, it is hoped that the Government may consider the institution of

State lotteries from which hospitals and other deserving causes would draw a proportion of the funds. Some people object to the idea of the Government making revenue out of "taffited" money, but, strangely enough, they do not object to the duties imposed on liquor.

Here in Hongkong, as the law stands, there is now no bar to hospitals or other charitable organisations raising money by means of sweepstakes, provided they first receive official permission, and we can see no reason why big annual schemes of this nature should not be instituted in place of some of the existing methods of securing funds. We cannot, on the other hand, envisage the Government running lotteries itself, although as an alternative means of raising funds and giving the public the benefit of possible large winnings, the Premium Bond scheme would have much to command it. Despite all that may be said, the fact has to be recognised, both here and at Home, that the gambling instinct cannot be wholly suppressed by law, and, within well-controlled limits, we can see no harm accruing from well-conducted sweepstakes on behalf of deserving causes. In due course, no doubt the English law on the subject will undergo considerable modification, especially since Governments have not objected in the past to raising revenue by means of betting taxes.

SCHNEIDER RACE  
ENTRIES.FRANCE COMES IN AT THE  
LAST MINUTE.

## BRITISH STIMULUS.

Paris, Dec. 31.

The French Aero Club has notified the entering of three seaplanes in the 1931 Schneider Trophy Competition. The entries were made to-day, the last date for the receipt.

An official of the club said that it was not yet possible to give a description of the machines.

London, Dec. 31.

Italy, Great Britain and France have now entered for the Schneider Trophy Race. The United States has given no indication of their intention to compete.

The Royal Aero Club to-day received the entry on behalf of France of three seaplanes for Schneider Race.

Britain held the trophy having captured it from Italy in 1927 at Venice and held it in 1929 against the only competitor Italy.

If Britain wins the coming race, in which France and Italy are challengers, she secures the Trophy outright. —Reuter and British Wireless.

## SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED  
QUOTATIONS.

The following cabled quotations at the close of the sugar markets on Wednesday have been received by Messrs. Pentreath and Co.:

London Terminals.

March 5 6½ up 2½.  
May 6 6½ up 2½.  
August 6 11 1/4 up 3d.  
December 6 4 up 2½.

New York Terminals.

March 1 22 up 1 pt.  
May 1 30 unchanged.  
July 1 37 down 2 pts.  
September 1 45 down 2 pts.  
December 1 53 down 2 pts.

Liverpool 31/12/30.—According to advices from New York liquidation appears to be temporarily finished.

IMPERIAL CHEMICAL  
INDUSTRIES.LORD READING APPOINTED  
PRESIDENT.

London, Dec. 31.

A meeting of the directors of the Imperial Chemical Industries held this afternoon, unanimously elected Sir Harry McGowan to succeed Lord Melchett as the chairman and managing director of the company, and appointed the Marquis of Reading to be president of the company. —British Wireless.

## DAY BY DAY

ENGLISHMEN DO NOT LIKE CRIMINALITY IN A WOMAN; THEY PREFER THEIR FEMALE BELONGINGS TO BE TURNED OUT ALL ON THE SAME PATTERN, LIKE PUDDINGS OUT OF A MOULD. —Lady Grove.

The R.M.S. Empress of Canada left Yokohama on the 1st Jan. and is due at Vancouver on the 9th Jan.

An apprentice carpenter of 60, Parkes Street, Yau Ma Tei, was removed to the Wong Wah Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries received by being assaulted by an unemployed Chinese who was armed with a chopper.

A report has been made to the Kowloon City Police, by Mr. G. E. Labrum, that thieves entered his residence, No. 5, York Road, Kowloon Tong, between the hours of midnight and 7 a.m. on the 31st December and stole property to the value of \$100.

In a report to the police yesterday, Mrs. F. P. da Silva, of 3, Observatory Villas, stated that between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. on New Year's Day somebody fired a small metal missile or a bullet from an airgun or catapult through her bedroom window, causing damage to the extent of \$1.

The list of naval promotions for the half-year has been issued.

The local names include Lieut.-Comdr. A. F. de Sails of H.M.S. Kent who is to be Commander, and Paymaster Comdr. C. S. Johnson, D.S.O., also of H.M.S. Kent, who is to be Pay Captain. Lieut.-Comdr. S. N. Blackburn, who brought H.M.S. Vindictive last year, has been promoted to Commander.

HIGH JINKS AT THE  
KOWLOON F.C.HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL NEW  
YEAR CARNIVAL.

Undoubtedly the most successful New Year's Day carnival of the many organised by the Kowloon Football Club, yesterday's frolics at the Club's grounds provided endless amusement for a very large crowd.

Sir Circumference Do Tong, having apparently by divers means become a naturalised Scotswoman, appeared in full regalia, and carried out the duties of Master of Ceremonies with his usual aplomb, whatever that may mean.

The fancy dress football match created sufficient diversion to cause complete forgetfulness as to the state of the score, and the officials in serious conclave afterwards decided that the Single men had managed to draw.

The motor-cycle football provided a thrilling encounter, the Volunteers winning by six goals to two after Kowloon had obtained the opening goal. The Club will send for auction shortly spare motor-cycle parts (slightly damaged).

The raffles were immensely popular. The winners were Mr. Revie (a case of beer presented by Messrs. Caldbeck, McGregor), Mr. Russell (a scooter, presented by Messrs. Lane, Crawford, and Miss Farrell (a case of whisky (presented by Messrs. Gandy, Price). It is understood that Miss Farrell became immediately popular.—K.

HANNEN SWAFFER'S  
NEW ROLE.

By A. J. CUMMINGS.

HANNEN SWAFFER is to be the great new force in English spiritualism.

Yes, Hannen Swaffer, the wild man who roams about the world of dramatic criticism armed with a bludgeon and does not mind a blow or two in return—he, Swaffer, has been chosen to succeed Sir Arthur Conan Doyle as prophet, priest and king.

He would deny this. But, anyway, he is now honorary president both of the Spiritualist Community and of the Spiritualist National Union; and the latter boasts over 450 churches.

It is in many ways a remarkable position. There are no formal offices, no graded privileges, no articles of faith, no costly churches in this now, strangely familiar, age-long religion which is now infiltrating its pervasive influence into all the spiritual communions and sects.

Every night before I go to sleep I am greeted with a tap on the wall.

Hannen Swaffer will derive all his authority from his own personality and the trust and goodwill of the faithful.

Speaking with the deference due from an outsider, I think he will make good. Those who may imagine that he communes with spirits merely as an exciting stunt, or merely to obtain a novel setting for the display of his versatile gifts, are surely mistaken. After half an hour's conversation with the new prophet, the bare idea was dismissed from my mind as unworthy and unjust.

It was less a conversation than an impassioned monologue. For half an hour Hannen Swaffer, arms extended and eyes gleaming, gave forth the faith that was in him in a torrent of eloquence and with a flaming intensity that would have put many dead revivallists to shame. He was not trying to convince or convert me. He was answering a question, stating a case.

The question I asked was: "Are the spiritualists increasing rapidly in numbers?"

"We do not want to increase our numbers in the sense you mean, was the unexpected reply. "Religionists of all kinds come to us and go back; large numbers of them, to their own churches or to other churches, carrying with them something they have gained—a new experience, a new understanding, a new attitude to life."

"Do not confuse us or our aims with the organised churches. The first church ever built was Christianity's worst blunder. We do not make converts to kneel on the penitents' bench. We have something vital to give to all men and all churches. It is psychic knowledge and psychic power which will ultimately regenerate the universe; abolishing cruelty, war, misery and injustice.

"Psychic power is latent in all of us. It must be so, for man is a spirit and the body is but his caseament. In some of us it may develop in a day; in others long years may elapse before the quest is gained.

"It is amazing how many men and women everywhere in all conditions of life have psychic experiences that journalists never hear of. For many are afraid to tell of. For many are afraid to tell. An Anglican clergyman told me the other day that he knew scores of ministerial colleagues who had confessed to definite experiences of this kind, but dare not mention them in the pulpit. Sir Oliver Lodge, though a spiritualist, hesitated.

"I wanted to know if there was any jostling in the queue; whether, indeed, spirit senses are at all closely related to our familiar physical senses. The answer seems to be that over the border they are thought-senses. There you see, feel, taste and smell with the mind. Jostling is the crude expression of an unenlightened materialist.

One was glad to learn from Mr. Swaffer that the Great War was a deadly grief as well as a grave embarrassment to the spirit world. Hundreds of thousands of the slain passed over ready for the change and pathetically bewildered; and the ministering spirits found these sad newcomers unusually difficult to handle.

It is for reasons such as these, says Mr. Swaffer, that the spirit world objects with all its strength to capital punishment, which deprives spirits not only those who are responsible, directly and indirectly, but sends the victim into the next world sullen and angry, so that he returns to exact vengeance.

"I Held My Peace."

It objects to all conceivable forms of cruelty for the same reasons. Its mission is one of peace and beauty, and benevolence and love.

Ignorance is the curse of God; and it is my misfortune that I am puzzled over Rudolph Valentino's strange behaviour after death and that I cannot think of those fussy spirit queues in the planes above without the usual smile of incredulous folly.

But as one listened to Mr. Swaffer's electrifying exposition of a philosophy at once comforting and sublime, it would have seemed almost a profanity to intrude a doubt or demand a proof, and humbly I held my peace.

I could appreciate what he meant when he said that he had lost the capacity for fear in the moral world. I can understand also why so many thousands flock to hear him in this country, and abroad when he reveals—well, whatever it is that spiritualist leaders do reveal.

U.S. BANKING FIRM'S  
ACQUISITIONMR. PARKER GILBERT TO  
JOIN MORGAN

New York, Dec. 31.—It is disclosed that Mr. Parker Gilbert, former Agent-General for Requisitions in Germany, has joined the New York office of the Morgan Guaranty Trust Company.

## HINDUS ON LEAGUE PRECEDENT.

## MINORITY PROBLEMS OF INDIA.

## DISCUSSION AT THE ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE.

## THE N.W. FRONTIER.

London, Dec. 31. At the Round Table Conference to-day the Prime Minister presided over a meeting of the Minorities sub-committee, at which views were expressed on behalf of several of the smaller minority communities, including the Indian Christians, with special reference to the Catholic section, the Parsees, the Anglo-Indians and the European business community.

The Committee then began consideration of the attitude of the large minorities which will be continued to-morrow.

A meeting of the Federal Structure Sub-Committee, under Lord Sankey, this afternoon discussed the desirability of reserving special seats in the legislature for representatives of certain classes with special interests. This was followed by a general discussion as to the methods by which representatives of the federal legislature should be chosen.

## Federal Legislature.

In some quarters it was advocated that the members of Upper House of Legislature should be chosen by the Provincial Legislatures and those of the lower by direct election.

In another quarter the view was expressed that direct election to both houses should apply, notwithstanding difficulties in the way of carrying out an election.

Another view was that a definite opinion on this point should be postponed until the powers and functions of the two houses and the relations of the Legislature to the Executive were decided.

One of the British delegates suggested that the upper house should be a Chamber representative of the governments of the federal units and that the lower should be representative of the provincial legislatures. The discussion will continue on Friday. —British Wireless.

## Hindu-Moslem Differences.

London, Jan. 1.

The Minorities sub-committee of the Conference this morning continued its discussion on the Hindu-Moslem differences. On behalf of the Hindus it was suggested that the method whereby the League of Nations had dealt with the European minorities questions, offered a precedent for India.

In dealing with European minorities, the principle has been accepted that they should be so defined and treated as not to destroy the unity of the state. The majority in India were prepared to give the minorities the greatest measure of protection on the lines adopted by the League and to give freedom for the exercise and development of their religion, race, language and culture.

An appeal was made to pool interests for the good of the new India.

For the Moslem minority, it was stated that the principle of weightage has been regarded as necessary throughout the history of the treatment of minorities in India and had worked well. The process of evolution might make joint electorates possible but, meanwhile, they relied on the former, pledged that separate electorates would remain unless relinquished voluntarily. As to the League precedent conditions in India were entirely different.

## N. W. Frontier Report.

The report of the sub-committee on the North West frontier province showed unanimity on the urgent need for reform. It recommends that the five administered districts should cease to be, as they are at present, a centrally administered territory under the direct control of the Government of India and that they should be given the status of a Governor's province, subject to such adjustment of detail as local circumstances require.

The sub-committee recommends that the Executive consist of a Governor, assisted by the advice of two Ministers, drawn from among the non-official members of the Legislature, at least one of whom shall be elected. Also recommended a unicameral Legislative Council with a membership of not more than forty consisting of elected and nominated elements the latter not to exceed fourteen out of the forty, and of these not more than six to eight officials. —British Wireless.

## K.C.C. CHILDREN'S SPORTS.

## NEW YEAR FUNCTION BIG SUCCESS.

## LADY PEEL PRESENT.

It was children's day at the Kowloon Cricket Club yesterday when hundreds attended the club grounds to take part in the sports that are held there every New Year's Day. A bright sun added to the pleasure of the afternoon, which passed off without a hitch. As usual, adults were there in large numbers, and found plenty to occupy their attention in the many races, side-shows and the band of H.M.S. Suffolk.

The President of the Club (Mr. R. E. Lindsell) before calling on Lady Peel to present the prizes, said that that afternoon, the 25th annual sports, had undoubtedly been the most successful they had held. He wished to emphasise the fact that the events were not closed to Kowloon children only, but were open to all in the Colony. He thanked the many generous contributors to the prize fund and declared that the meeting was held entirely on voluntary subscriptions. It was rather invidious to make particular mention, but he desired to thank Mr. J. H. Taggart, but for whose generous donation year after year, the club would have had to cut down the prizes. He thanked the many helpers who had helped to make the function a success, and also Lady Peel on consenting to present the prizes.

Among the many people who were present were Lady Peel, and Mr. G. W. Tufton (private secretary to H. E. the Governor), Rt. Rev. C. R. Duppuy (Bishop of Victoria), Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Kotewall. Results:

## Boys' Events.

Potato race (10 to 12).—Stanley Lee, James Winyard, Norman Lee, Boot race (under 12).—Stanley Lee, William Tren, Tony Reis. Obstacle race (10 to 14).—Leonard Phillips, Reginald Larcombe, Jack Mackay. Relay race (10 to 14).—Norman Lee, Graeme, Waller, Ronald Holden, Alfred Williams. Flat race (6 to 9).—Francis Gorge, Henry Williams, Malcolm Hale. Sack race (8 to 14).—Graeme Waller, Joseph Pereira, Jack Mackay.

Tug of war (10 to 14).—J. Sharp, Ham, Edward Firth, Jimmy Staple, Gordon Marks, William Hill, Charles Lott, Eric Rapley. Flat race (4 to 7).—Fleming Kinnard, Arthur Charlton, Noel Ralph. Three-legged race (10 to 14).—James Winyard and Desmond Royston, Tony Sanh and V. Gordon Lee and Jeffre Arnold. Flat race (8 to 10).—Francis Gorge, Harry Williams, Eric Stone. Flat race (four and under).—Geoffrey Keeley, Frank Sabey, Jimmy Ramsey, Wheebarrow race (0 to 14).—George Kee and Micky Wood, Edward Firth and Ronald Egan, Philip Egan and Tony Sanh. Consolation race (under 14).—S. Gardner, Oster, Thomas George Silva.

## Girls' Events.

Skipping race (10 to 14).—Peggy Stringer, Clinie Remedios, Georgia Lott. Flat race (6 to 3).—Freda Gahill, Doris Firth, Dorothy McCaw. Skipping race (under 10).—Tamarla Jose, Doris Firth, Vivian Beaumont. Flat race (under 6).—Mary Hayes, Jean Robinson, Freda Smith. Potato race (10 to 14).—Marie Smith, Dorothy Harold, Muriel McCaw. Skipping competition (10 to 14).—Violet Bradbury, Nancy Bunker, Mary Lay. Flat race (under 14).—Virginia Beaumont, Doreen Harold, Clinie Remedios. Musical chairs (8 to 14).—Rae Blackmore, Jean Fraser, Dorothy Raven. Egg and spoon race (under 14).—Doreen Brown, Mona Shand, Georgia Lott. Flat race (6 to 14).—Florrie Fowler, Gwyneth Lloyd, Cynthia Sanh. Flat race (under 4).—Jean Hale, Margaret Lang, Fay Cario, Rehy race (0 to 14).—Cisay Silva, Violet Bradbury, Virginia Beaumont, Cynthia Sanh. Consolation race (under 14).—Margaret Gow, Barbara Davey, Vivian Lyle. Band race.—Challen, Rees, Fitzgerald.

## FOUND STABBED.

## BODY OF CHINESE IN KOWLOON GODOWN.

Stabbed through the heart, the body of Leung Muk, aged 30, a seaman employed on a lighter, was found in No. 3 Godown of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company Limited, on Wednesday night. The case is obviously one of the murder.

The body was found by godown coolies about 7 p.m., and the Tsimshau Tsui Police Station was immediately informed. The man was lying on his back, with a wound in his left breast, evidently inflicted with a sharp weapon. The heart had been penetrated.

Little is known of the murdered man except that he lived on the lighter on which he was employed. Police can find no motive for the deed.

Thirteen candidates presented themselves for confirmation at Egham. The vicar cancelled the confirmation thirteen, he said, and the latter, not to exceed fourteen out of the forty, and of these not more than six to eight officials.

—British Wireless.

## CANADA LOOKING TO FAR EAST.

## DEVELOPMENT OF WHEAT EXPORT MARKETS.

## MR. BENNETT'S VIEWS.

Ottawa, Dec. 31. A reference to the prospects of the Imperial Economic Conference next year was made by the Prime Minister at Regina, Saskatchewan, to-day in his first public speech since his return from London.

Dealing with the grain marketing problem, Mr. Bennett forecast the creation of a financial corporation, with the bucking of the Canadian Government, to assist the distressed farmers, particularly in the direction of adopting mixed farming.

He announced a guarantee by the French Government for the purchase of from seven to nine million bushels of this year's crop, and said that negotiations have been opened, under the Federal Credit Guarantees Act, for enlarging the market for Canadian grain and other products in China and elsewhere in the East.

He added that the Federal Government considered that the United States' policy of fixing wheat

## THE "TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT.

## Interesting Pictures To-Morrow.

There will be many pictures of topical interest in tomorrow's issue of the Telegraph Art Supplement.

These will include several taken at the New Territories Agricultural Show, groups of the English and Scottish football teams which met on Christmas Day, with snaps of play in that match and the game between China and Portugal, the Christmas party at the Water Police Station, the Rugby match between England and the Rest, and the visit of officers of the Spanish naval training ship to the Spanish Procurement.

The Fanling Hunt meeting will be illustrated, and there will also be a group of the Bowlers of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

Weddings illustrated will be those of Lieut. G. Wolfe-Barry and Miss Constance Cree, Mr. Y. S. Chan and Miss J. Choi, and Mr. Reginald Jan See-chin and Miss Myrtle Quing-yen.

There will also be a fine picture taken at the annual dinner of the China Association in London, showing several past and present residents of Hongkong among the guests.

## prices was uneconomic. The main hope for wheat in Canada was the development of export markets, particularly in the Far East.

Mr. Bennett said he believed that as a result of the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa in the Autumn agreements for mutually broader Empire marketing would be initiated. —Reuters' American Service.

## A PARENTAL PROBLEM.

## MAN WISHES TO KNOW NAME OF MOTHER.

Stockholm, Nov. 26. The Swedish Government will soon have to decide the intricate problem of a Swedish subject, aged fifty-three, who has applied for information as to who his mother was. In 1877 an unknown lady was delivered of a boy in the Swedish parish of Virestad, and after a short stay there she left for abroad. Before her departure she gave a sealed letter to the vicar of the church, with instructions that it should not be opened by anyone but the foster-father of the child. The foster-father some ten years afterwards left Sweden for the United States and is now dead. The vicar, now well as the chapter of Virestad, considered that they have no application to the Government.

All the ecclesiastical authorities agreed that the vicar is right, while on the other hand some lawyers hold that it is not just to deny an abandoned child knowledge about his mother. The Code Napoleon embodied the rule that it is forbidden to investigate paternity, but otherwise no laws up to the present protect the anonymity of the mother. In this case it was evidently the intention of the mother that her identity should be revealed to the boy after the lapse of some years, and considering the fact that the birth happened fifty-three years ago, it is argued that the Crown ought to act as foster-father.

The following will represent to the Club 2nd XI in their match against University on Saturday at 2.30 p.m.—Fogwill; Stoker, Potton; Sloan; Puncheon; Hynes; Smith; Bell; Strange; Jackson; and Fowler. Reserves: Tavlin and Hooper.

## CHARITY SOCCER MATCH.

## ELEVEN GOALS REGISTERED YESTERDAY.

## CIVILIANS WIN.

Goals are what the average spectator of football glamour for, and because eleven were registered in the charity match between the Services and Civilians, at Sooknupoo on New Year's Day, a crowd of over 3,000 went away from the ground well satisfied with the entertainment provided.

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## BLACK LIST OF 400,000 NAMES.

## INTERNATIONAL POLICE FORCE AT WORK.

## LIFE STORIES.

Hopes of effective international police co-operation in the fight against crime will shortly be realised if plans developed at Vienna by the International Commission of Criminal Police are successfully carried out.

There are many tricksters—international confidence men, mostly who know their way about the capitals (and prisons) of Europe and America better than the average British citizen knows his own country.

War against international crime is organised and directed from the head office of the International Commission, which has its general headquarters in the "Polizeidirektion," the Scotland Yard of Vienna.

It is under the control of the Austrian Federal Authorities and operates in close touch with the headquarters of the Federal police, housed on the same floor of the big building.

## All Under One Roof.

Unlike Scotland Yard, the Vienna police headquarters houses every section of the police departments, except that dealing with police dogs.

Alongside is the State Prison, with accommodation for several thousand, with a private passage-way from the prison to the police record and registration department.

Thus the authorities have facilities for preparing and keeping up to date the thousands of neat files of criminals, which fill miles of shelves in the Record Departments of the force.

Under the one roof are the police training colleges, departments of criminology, photography, research, chemical laboratories, wireless telegraphic installations, registers of finger-prints and criminal record card and a wonderfully interesting Black Museum—the relics of past crimes.

All these departments are available to the International Commission and it was through the Vienna criminal register that the International Black List of known criminals came into being.

Arranged in order are no fewer than 400,000 photographs.

Each file is prefaced with a detailed pen picture of the man, his characteristics and mental and physical state, the document being signed in the man's own handwriting and sealed with a black print of his fingers and thumbs.

## Forgers' Art.

Forgery, particularly of currency notes, is a strong line of the international crook and several printing plants in Austria have been seized by the authorities in efforts to prevent floods of spurious notes.

Some of the forgeries which I saw in the Black Museum are clever reproductions. British £5 and £10 notes were among them.

One of the best examples was an Austrian note drawn and coloured by a boy of 14!

Wireless pictures and messages, and the frequent use of police aeroplanes are making it more and more difficult for the international crook to flourish, and if international co-operation of police forces develops as the promoters of the scheme hope, the days of big coups will almost be at an end.

## THE RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH.

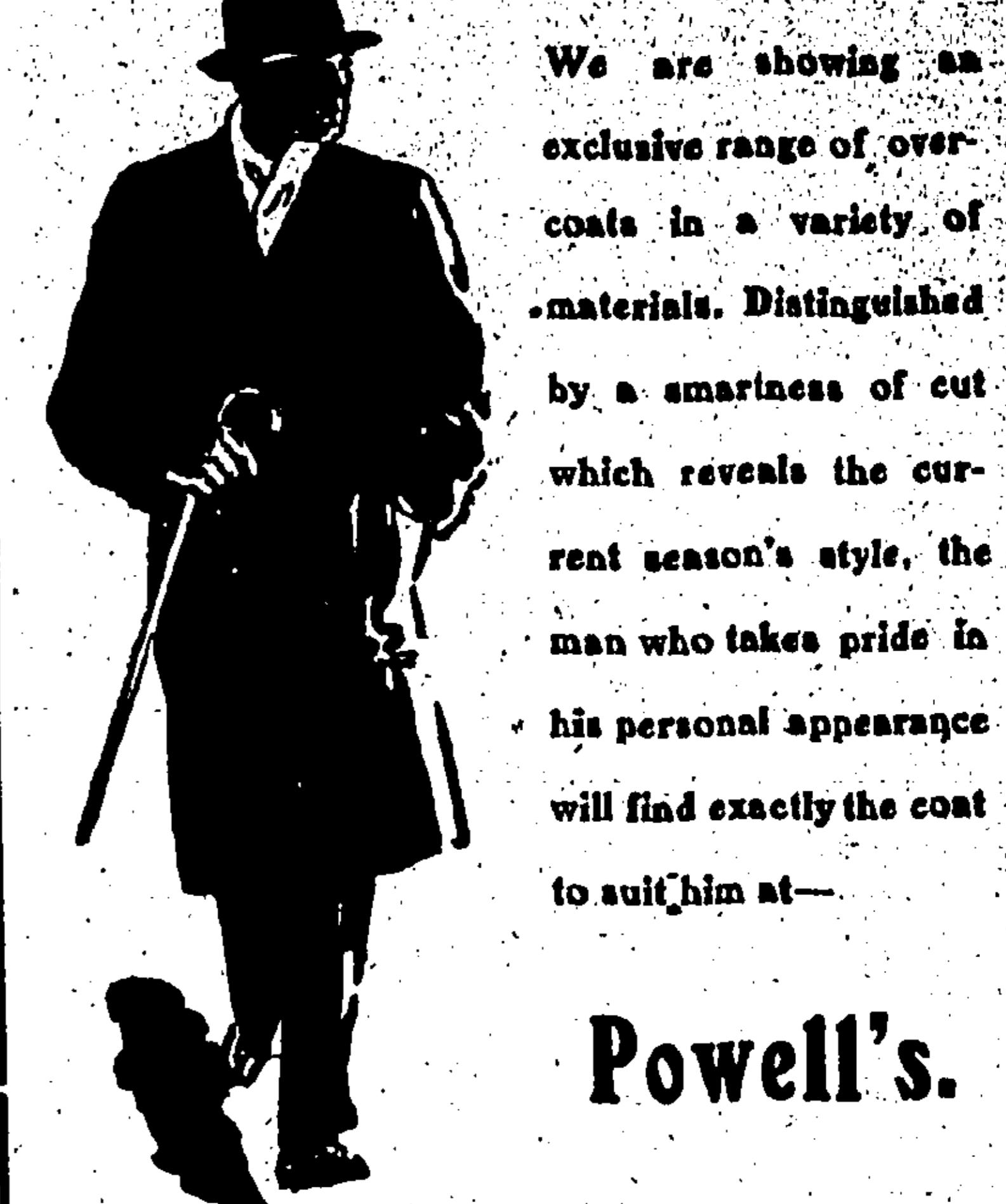
## EARL WINTERTON AND PAID INTERRUPTORS.

Earl Winterton, speaking at the United Club dinner in London on December 3, said that he thought the Conservative Party was prone to be too respectable, in the Victorian sense of the word, and too confident.

"I will give an example," he said. "For years past, until, perhaps, the last few months, Socialist rowdies, many of them paid, have howled down Conservative candidates at elections in scores of constituencies to such an extent that often the electors have not once heard the presentation of our case."

"In the House of Commons Conservative members, putting our case fairly, have met with clamour, insult, and interruption which has made decent debate impossible."

"Yet we have the remedy to a great extent in our hands. The ordinary law of the land is strong enough to punish attempts to destroy free speech. A rigid application of the rules of the House of Commons can do much to prevent the grosser forms of interference with the right of a member to express his opinion. I want to make it clear that I attach no blame to the police in the one case, or the Speaker or Chairman of Committees in the other. These authorities can act effectively only if their aid is invoked."

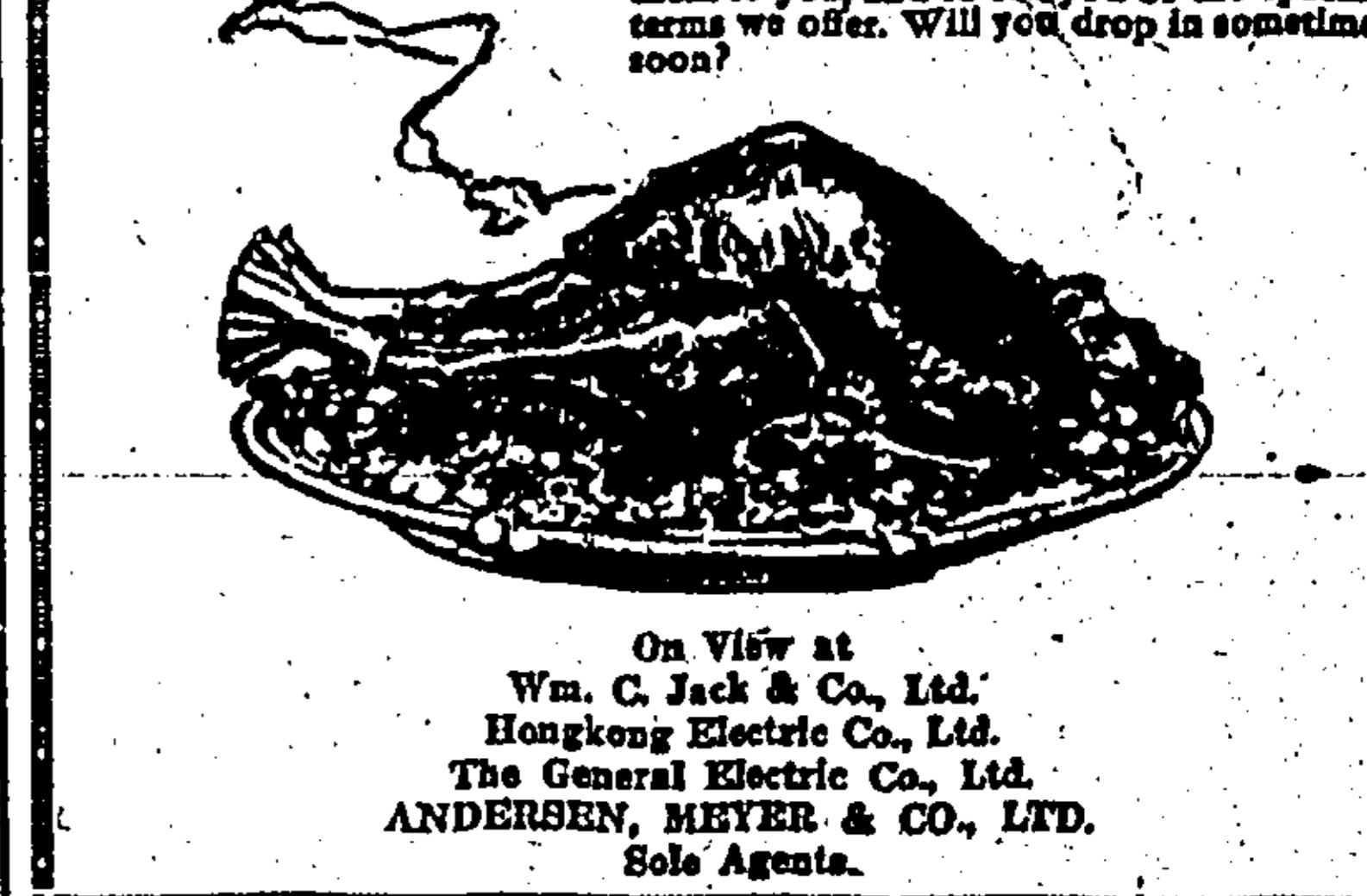


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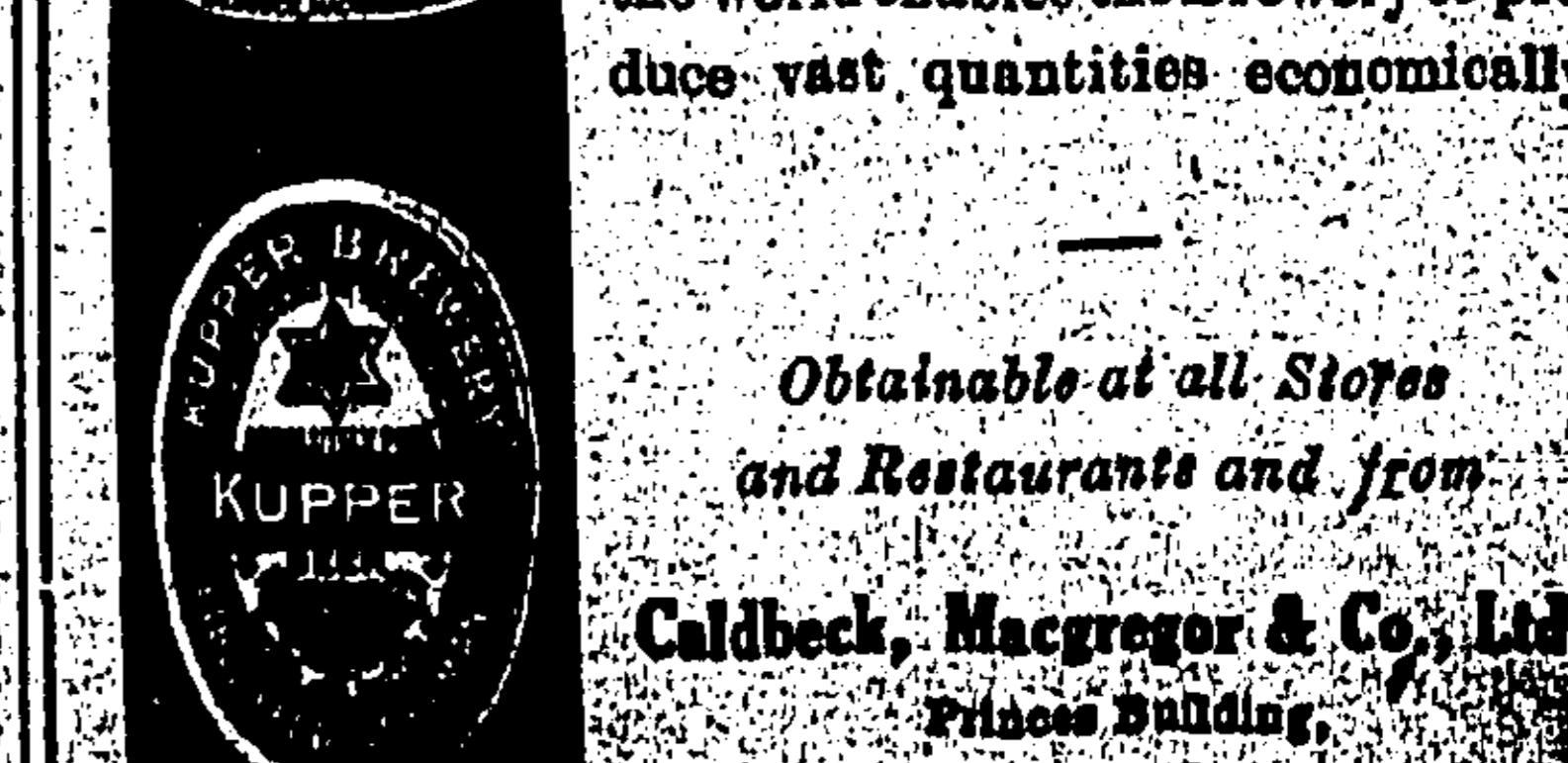
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## BOXING

CITY HALL  
SATURDAY,  
3rd January, 1931,  
at 9.15 p.m.

## MAIN EVENTS

15 Rounds Contest for  
Lightweight Championship of  
the Colony and Belt  
STOKER PERCY LAKE,  
Holder,  
H.M.S. BERWICK  
and  
A. B. DOBSON,  
H.M.S. THRACIAN  
15 Round Contest for  
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the Colony and Belt.  
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Holder.  
v.  
A. B. BEGBIE.

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HUGE SCORING BY  
HONGKONG C.C.SAYER MAKES A BRILLIANT  
CENTURY.

## ANNUAL FIXTURE.

A brilliant century by G. R. Sayer marked the opening day's play of the annual cricket match between the Hongkong C.C. and the Royal Navy yesterday, when the Civil Service player contributed 160 runs to the huge total of 356 runs for four wickets declared, knocked up by the town team, who had first lease of the wickets in the last of the annual triangular fixtures.

Going in first with T. E. Pearce, Sayer gave a bright display of cricket and was scoring all round the wicket. He went in for some hard hitting and soon began to mete out severe punishment to the weak naval bowlers. He and Pearce took the score to 67 runs before they were separated and with E. R. Duckitt he put on over 100 runs, Sayer doing most of the scoring. The second wicket fell at 174 runs. The third wicket added over 90 runs and when the fourth had fallen 294 runs appeared on the board, the third century being registered almost immediately afterwards.

Sayer was treating all the bowlers alike and punished all punishable balls. In his 160 runs he scored over 100 of them in boundary hits, including four sixes and 24 fours. Mitchell and Owen Hughes also scored sixes, each claiming one.

The Navy fared comparatively well against the Club bowlers but, as was generally expected, they were well behind as a result of the day's play. They had 130 runs on the board for the loss of nine wickets when stumps were drawn. The match will be continued tomorrow afternoon.

Hongkong C.C.

G. R. Sayer, b Glass	160
T. E. Pearce, c Nash, b Putman	31
E. R. Duckitt, c Edwards, b Baker	39
E. J. R. Mitchell, c Edwards, b Glass	38
H. Owen Hughes, not out	63
H. J. Armstrong, not out	19
Extras	16
Total (for 4 wks, dec.)	356

T. P. Whitham, A. G. Beck, A. C. I. Bowler, Smith, and D. E. C. Marton did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Jowitt	20	1	122
Moseley	2	—	21
Baker	12	1	65
Putman	5	—	32
Glass	15	—	73
Edwards	3	—	30

Navy 1st Innings.

A. B. Nash, c Duckitt, b Beck	10
Lieut. Com. Squance, c Smith, b Sayer	25
Lieut. G. L. Glass, b Owen Hughes	8
Mid. Jeffries, S. Armstrong, b Owen Hughes	0
Mid. Jowitt, b Reid	0
Lieut. Com. Branton, Whitham, b Owen Hughes	16
A. B. Baker, b Beck	2
Sub. Jeant, F. W. G. Edwards, not out	22
Sub. Lieut. Moseley, Llawn Sayer	0
L. S. Putman, st. Pearce, b Sayer	0
Extras	12
Total (for 9 wks.)	130
Mid. Barrett to bat.	

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Baker	6	1	21
Reid	11	2	28
Sayer	8	—	20
Beck	10	5	16
Owen Hughes	8	1	33

Tie at the I.R.C.

An exciting game was played at the I. R. C. yesterday when two teams, captained by Mr. A. H. Madar and A. S. Sutliff, met in a friendly game which ended in a tie, both sides scoring 147 runs.

Batting first, Mr. Madar's XI put up the score of 147 before the last wicket fell. S. A. Ismail being top-score with 47, while A. K. Minu contribution 30. A. K. Ismail was the most consistent bowler, capturing four wickets for 23 runs.

A good innings of 74 by F. D. Pereira and a well-played 32 by A. H. Rummah saved Mr. Sutliff's XI from a collapse, these two putting up three quarters the score. The last wicket fell at 147, the game thus ending in a tie.

## VARSITY MATCH.

Win for Past Students by 72 Runs.

Playing on the University ground, Polkular, yesterday, the

## HOLIDAY GOLF.

BOGEY POOL COMPETITION  
AT KOWLOON.

The following is the result of the Bogeys Pool played over the Kowloon course during last week-end:

A. A. Lopes ..... (4) all square  
H. Mundy ..... (10) " "  
P. W. J. Planner ..... (16) " "  
J. D. Thomson ..... (3) "

Seventy cards were taken out.

The way men and women stand up to the conditions found in Poplar and the number of happy marriages there are miracles.—Dr. Herbert Gray, at 10, Downing-street.

Past students defeated the Present by 72 runs. Taking first lead of the wicket, the Present could only score 137 runs against some very steady bowling. At one stage it looked as if they would not top the century mark, but Gan and Kyum came to the rescue in a good last-wicket partnership which added 20 runs. F. Zimmern bowled best for the Past, taking four wickets for 31 runs.

The Past students ran up the high total of 209 runs, thanks to some very consistent batting, only three of their men failing to secure double figures. Anderson was the mainstay of the bowling, and returned a fine analysis of five-wickets for 21 runs. Scores:

Present.

A. M. Rodriguez, b Gittins ..... 7  
D. J. N. Anderson, run out ..... 31  
T. Ride, run out ..... 31  
A. Baker, c E. Zimmern, b F. Zimmern ..... 5  
P. A. Redmond, c E. Zimmern, b F. Zimmern ..... 11  
A. Chan Fook, b Gittins ..... 11  
A. A. Aziz, b A. T. Lee ..... 0  
G. E. Yeoh, b F. Zimmern ..... 1  
K. P. Tan, c Sling, b Rumjahn ..... 29  
A. Kyum, not out ..... 16  
Extras ..... 22  
Total ..... 137

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
A. T. Lee	11	3	38
S. V. Gittins	16	6	34
E. Zimmern	12	1	31
D. K. Sany	4	1	9
E. Zimmern	1	—	9
H. T. M. Barron	1	—	2
A. A. Rumjahn	3	2	1

Past.

O.	M.	R.	W.
F. Zimmern, c Gan, b Ride	15		
E. Zimmern, b Anderson	15		
S. V. Gittins, b Normanbey	26		
A. T. Lee, Kyum, b Normanbey	24		
W. H. Sling, c Ride, b Chan Poole	24		
A. L. Youngsnye, c Anderson, b Redmond	23		
D. K. Sany, c Anderson, b Redmond	23		
H. T. Barron, c Ride, b Anderson	23		
W. A. Youngsnye, b Anderson	23		
N. P. Karundin, b Anderson	22		
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A. T. Normanbey

A. Baker

D. J. N. Anderson

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Chan Fook

F. A. Redmond

K. C. C. Teams.

The Kowloon Cricket Club will be represented by the following teams to-morrow.—1st XI v Army on the K. C. C. ground, Saturday and Sunday, commencing at 2 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. on Sunday.

F. C. Lyle (Capt.), E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, F. Goodwin, W. Braze, W. C. Hung, G. C. Burnett, F. Zimmern, F. E. Lawrence, F. E. Skinner and N. A. E. Mackay.

2nd XI v University, on University ground, starting at 2.15 p.m.

R. E. Lindell (Capt.), G. Lee, A. R. P. Raven, S. W. Smith, G. A. V. Hall, D. W. Gregory, H. Overy, F. Caveney, A. A. Dans, O. B. Raven and R. G. U. Mendl.

H.K.C.C. Second XI.

For their League match against the Club de Ferro at King's Park to-morrow afternoon, the Hongkong Cricket Club will be represented by:

W. W. Mackenzie, J. Chadwick, E. J. Collins, R. H. Wild, R. S. W. Patterson, R. R. Davies, E. C. Etherington, J. McFarlane and C. A. Wright.

POLICE SPORTS  
YESTERDAY.CHILDREN SPEND HAPPY  
TIME.

## MR. KENT'S HONOUR.

Nearly a hundred children spent a happy time at the Police Recreation Club yesterday afternoon on the occasion of the annual Christmas Tree and sports. In addition to the races there were various side-shows such as shoots, coconut shies, roundabouts, and hoop-la, which were in charge of various members of the Committee appointed by the Club to organise the sports. There was also a large Christmas Tree laden with presents which were distributed to the children by "Santa Claus" (Mr. Galvin). Much fun for the kiddies was provided by the amusing antics of the clowns (Measles, W. Ward and W. Mair).

The chairman of the Committee was Mr. A. N. Reynolds, with Mr. C. F. Alexander (Secretary) and Mr. A. J. C. Taylor (Treasurer).

In introducing Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, who distributed the prizes, Mr. Taylor expressed thanks to the Committee for the very hard work they had put in, and especially to Mr. Scriven, of H. M. S. Tamar, the R.E.'s, the B. and F. Dept. and Mr. Sutliff; also to the clowns and Mr. Glendinning.

Honour for Mr. Kent.

In addressing the gathering, after the prizes had been distributed, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe said he regretted to say that there was an air of sadness about the gathering as it was the last occasion on which their old friend and oldest member of the Club, who was also a Past President, would be with them—Inspect. Kent.

Mr. Wolfe continued that within two months Mr. and Mrs. Kent would be leaving Hongkong and he was happy to be able to tell them that His Majesty the King had been pleased, to honour Mr. Kent by awarding to him the King's Police Medal—(applause).

Mr. Kent's police service was certainly well over 35 years and his Imperial service topped the 50 year-mark—(applause).

Mr. Wolfe continued that, on behalf of the Club, he would like to express their appreciation for all that he had done for the Club since its inception many years ago, and to wish Mr. and Mrs. Kent all happiness and prosperity in the Homeland—(Applause).

Those present then gave three hearty cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Kent.

Mr. Kent, who was deeply affected, expressed thanks for the references to him.

Miss Victoria Moss presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Wolfe, after which three cheers were given for her.

The sports resulted as follow:

Flat race, girls under eight.—1. Dorcas Stevens; 2. Eileen Barnett; 3. Paula Hollands.

Flat race, boys under eight.—1. Arthur Grinnell; 2. Guy Hollands; 3. Walter Evans.

Flat race, girls over eight.—1. Eddie Hunt; 2. Helen Grinnell.

Flat race, boys over eight.—1. Leslie Reynolds; 2. Norman Clarke.

Boys and girls 3-legged race.—1. Maureen Booker and Norman Reynolds; 2. Neville Booker and June Booker.

Boys and girls egg and spoon race.—Boys: 1. Guy Hollands; 2. Leonard Hunt; Girls: 1. Eileen Barnett; 2. Flo Grinnell.

Ladies egg and spoon race.—1. Mrs. Hollands; 2. Mrs. Shannon.

100 yards, gents under forty.—1. Mr. E. J. Post; 2. Mr. B. Thorpe.

100 yards, gents over forty.—1. Mr. A. N. Reynolds; 2. Mr. A. W. Grinnell.

Ladies coconut shie.—1. Mrs. Hunt; 2. Mrs. Grinnell.

Ladies thread and needle race.—1. Mrs. and Mrs. Russell; 2. Mr. Peplow and





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## ADULTERATION OF SPIRITS?

### ALLEGED MANUFACTURING IN BONDED WAREHOUSE.

The licensee of the Hang Lam Cheong warehouse, of 298, Des Vouex Road, West, appeared before Mr. Lindsell, at the Central Police Court on Wednesday, to answer a summons accusing him of having manufactured 323.8 gallons of adulterated liquor on his premises.

Mr. R. R. Todd (Assistant Superintendent of Imports and Exports) appeared for the prosecution and Mr. M. K. Lo represented the defendant.

Mr. Lo mentioned to his Worship that the facts were common ground and much time could possibly be saved as a result. He undertook that about 50 jars of spirit had been imported from Macao on December 1 or 2, and, on arrival, were examined and tested by the Imports and Exports Department before being taken into bond. They were found to contain 45 per cent alcohol or under, coming within the category of *sam ching* spirit. They were taken to the Hang Lam Chong warehouse where they remained until the 7th in accordance with the regulations and then notice was given by the Import and Export Department stating that it was the intention of the owners to mix the various wines.

The following day a Revenue Officer attended and was present throughout the process of mixing. The wine was put into bottles and afterwards the Imports and Exports Department got hold of it for an analysis made. They then alleged that the spirit that the defendant got from Macao was in fact diluted spirit and not rice spirit at all.

It seemed extraordinary that they should prosecute the defendant for possession of wine which they had accepted, although the duty had not yet been paid. The duty had not been paid because the wine had been sent to bonded warehouse.

Mr. Todd said that the duty on the wine had not been paid. The wine was not accepted but merely seen and then passed into warehouse.

His Worship: It was tested I understand?

Mr. Todd: The strength was noted. We didn't know at that time what was going to happen to that spirit. The accused had sent a chit asking for a revenue officer to supervise the blending and he (the revenue officer) attended and brought back a sample for analysis. As a result of that analysis he found what was supposed to be *sheung ching* and *sam ching*, but it was not, it was diluted wine.

His Worship: The nature of this stuff was not revealed by your original test?

Mr. Todd: No, we simply got the strength. It passed into bond house and the question of duty had not arisen so far.

His Worship: Why was there so much delay; why was not the summons taken out until after 10 days?

Mr. Todd: I was not instructed by Mr. Lloyd (Superintendent of Imports and Exports) until the day before I took it (the summons) out.

His Worship: Is there some explanation for it?

Mr. Todd: It took three days for the analysis, and then Mr. Lloyd had to consider the matter. The hearing of the case was adjourned.

## LOCAL RADIO.

### PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

To-day's radio programme to be broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres.

1.30 p.m. Local Time, Weather Report, Rugby Press.

2.00 p.m. Close Down.

5.00 p.m. Chinese Programme.

6.00 p.m. Dr. K. S. Shin M.B., B.S., Chinese Lecture on Infant Welfare.

7.00 p.m. European Programme of Victor Record Selected and Supplied by Messrs. Tsang Fook Piano Co.

7.00-7.30 p.m. Band Selections.

Serenade (R. Dring) *The Flower of Italy* (De Stefano).

Royal Band. 35337.

Don't Be Cross (C. Zeller).

The Jolly Coppersmith (Peters).

Arthur Pryor's Band. 20318.

The Chimes of Liberty March (E. F. Goldman).

Sagamore March (E. F. Goldman).

Arthur Pryor's Band. 20311.

Sabre and Spurs (John P. Sousa).

Solid Men To The Front (John P. Sousa).

Sousa's Band. 20305.

Colossus of Columbia (Alexander).

Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey's Band. 22474.

7.35-8.30 p.m. Variety.

Orchestral: *The Moon I Love* (Fra Strick Up The Band).

Victor Salon Orchestra. 35014.

Vocal Duo: *One* (S. Smith-Handy).

T. B. Hale-E. J. Derry Jr. 20860.

Actual Recording of Birds-Dawn In An Old World Garden. 20968.

Actual Recording of Birds-Nightingales.

Humorous Song-The Substitute (Parson) (Sals).

Chic Sale. 22103.

Song-For Sweethearts Only (Lener-Hurley-Cantor).

Gene Austin (Tenor). 22490.

Piano Solo-Sweet Savannah Sun (From Connie's Hot Chocolates).

Piano Solo-Alfred Mischawin'.

Thomas Waller. 22 08.

Chorus-Sing Something Simple (Hermann Hupfeld).

The Revelers. 22547.

Accordion Solo-Beautiful Days (Gloria).

Mario Perry. 20250.

Male Quartet-Will You Love Me In December As You Do In May?

Male Quartet-Sweet Rosalie O'Grady (Maurie Nugent).

Shannon Quartet. 20972.

Song-My Rough and Rowdy Ways (Rogers-McWhirter).

Jimmie Rogers. 22220.

Orchestra-Honeyuckle (Waino Kauppi and His Suomi Orchestra).

8.30-9.00 p.m. Violin Solo-Concerto In H. Minor (Mendelssohn).

F. Kreisler. 4080.

9.00 p.m. Weather Report, Local Time, etc.

9.05-9.50 p.m. Operatic, War March of The Priests (Mendelssohn).

Coronation March (Meyerbeer).

Philharmonic Symphony Orch.

Barber of Seville-A Little Voice I (Rossini).

Madam Galli-Curci (Soprano). 7110.

The Bohemian Girl-The Heart Bow'd Down (Balfe).

Clarence Whitehill (Baritone). 6782.

Aficionado-Ol' Pardillo (Meyerbeer).

Benjamin Gilt (Tenor). 7109.

Lohengrin's Narrative-In Distant Lands (Wagner).

Richard Crooks. 7105.

The Bohemian Girl-Then You'll Remember Me (Balfe).

Max Della (Violinist). 20048.

Sonnambula-Could I Believe (Bellini).

Sonnambula-On Recall Not One Dorothy Sorrow.

Marion Talley (Soprano). 6736.

9.50-10.10 p.m. Organ Solos.

Indian Love Call (From Rose Marie).

Jesse Crawford. 22107.

Serenade (From The Student Prince In Heidelberg).

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Barclonia (Kahn-Evans).

Hello, Aloha! How Are You?

(Glibert-Baer).

Jesse Crawford. 20266.

Miss You (Charles, Harry and Henry Towns).

How Am I To Know? (From Dynamite).

Jesse Crawford. 22120.

10.10-10.30 p.m. Orchestral-Raymond Overture (Thomas).

Victor Symphony Orch. 35924.

Piano Solo-Nocturne In E Flat Major (Chopin).

Piano Solo-Minuet (Paderewski).

Sergei Rachmaninoff. 6731.

Spring Song (Mendelssohn).

Victor Concert Orchestra. 21440.

God Save The King.

10.30 p.m. Close Down.

## LOCAL RUGBY.

### TAMAR AND SMALL SHIPS DEFEATED BY CLUB.

Yesterday's game at the Club ground at Happy Valley was spoilt by too much milling in the loose scrums, with no very great advantage gained. Both sets of forwards were working hard, and did all they could, but, when there is no chance of forwards getting through on their own, they should heel the ball and give their outsiders chance.

The Club were a man short, in fact two men short, but when the Small Ships sent in their reserves and their win by three tries, to a try whilst flattening them slightly, was the result of good work in opportunism.

Teams for Interport Trial Match.

On Saturday, January 3rd, at 4.15 p.m. a Club Interport Trial will be held. This is the most man on trial to take place and form shown in this game will have direct bearing on the composition of the Club Interport XV. With the aid of several Service play-

ers, the following are the teams: Club Colours—Back, J. B. Whitham; Threequarters, G. F. Lamerton, R. H. Griffiths, E. R. Allera, G. R. More; Halves, M. W. Turner, J. W. King; Forwards, D. L. Milne, W. F. Peers, W. F. Leckie, E. R. West, F. R. Burch, E. B. Gammon, J. A. E. Kendrew, B. P. Mussey.

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Nanking, Dec. 31.  
The Chinese Telegraph Administration and the Commercial Pacific  
Cable Company yesterday reached an agreement whereby the National  
Government granted the Commercial Pacific a renewal of their landing licence in China for  
14 years, to date from January 1, subject to certain revisions of the  
agreement.

It is understood that these include a provision that the Ministry of Communications shall have equal voice with the Cable Company in the relations of the Company's Shanghai Office (the only one in China) with the public, while the technical operation of the cables remains in the hands of the Company.

It is understood that the Great Northern and Eastern Extension Telegraph Companies are signing somewhat similar agreements at Nanking to-day after protracted and very delicate negotiations.—Reuter.

Further Agreement.

Nanking, Dec. 31.  
After a lengthy session to-day, negotiations between the Chinese Telegraph Administration and the Great Northern and Eastern Extension Telegraph Companies reached a satisfactory conclusion regarding the broad principles of the agreement which are believed to be similar to the Commercial Pacific agreement reported earlier.

The details will be settled by negotiation later.

The Sino-Japanese agreement concerning the return to China of the Taingtiao end of the Taingtiao-Sasabo cable was finalized this afternoon; while an agreement has been reached on the general principles regarding the Shanghai-Nagasaki cable. Both have hitherto been controlled by Japan.—Reuter.

CAPTIVES RELEASED.

FOUR PRIESTS AND FIVE  
SISTERS FREED.

Peking, Dec. 31.  
The Apostolic Delegation has received a telegram from Father Mignani stating that four priests and five sisters were freed from the hands of bandits by Government troops on Christmas Day and have arrived in Kianfu.—Reuter.

POLITICAL RIOTS.

EIGHT PEOPLE KILLED IN  
COLOMBIA.

Bogota, Colombia, Dec. 31.  
Eight people have been killed and eleven injured in a political riot which broke out in Capitancho, Santander Province. Federal troops have been rushed to the scene.—Reuter.

MORE BANKS CLOSE.

MINOR INSTITUTIONS IN  
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Jackson, Miss., Dec. 31.  
Six banks, with deposits of \$31,780,000, have closed in Mississippi state.—Reuter's American Service.

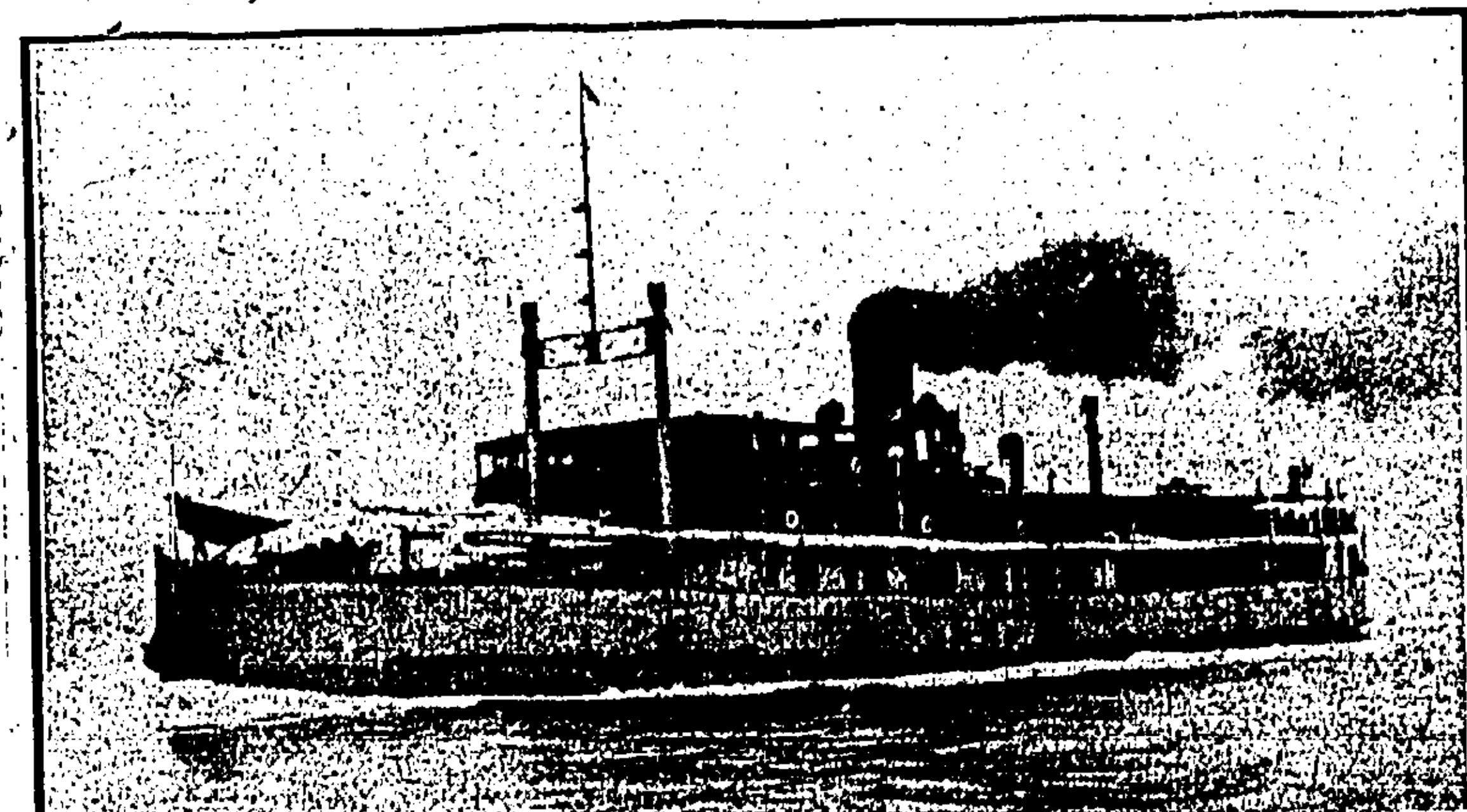
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TEN DAYS ADRIFT.

NINE JAPANESE RESCUED  
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With the engines of their ship out of order, and their food supply exhausted, nine Japanese fishermen, who formed the crew of the schooner Tsuon Maru, were picked up by the Dutch steamer Tjkembang, and brought to the Colony yesterday.

None of the crew spoke any other language but their own, but Japanese consul official informed a representative of the S. C. M. that the nine men were the entire crew of the Tsuon Maru, a small fishing craft of a few tons, which had its base in Formosa.

Meeting rough weather, the vessel was subjected to a severe buffeting, and the troubles of the crew culminated with the ship's engines going out of order. Provisions were running short and as their position was out of the general run of ships, it was decided to serve out the food in rations. Absolutely at the mercy of the elements, the crew underwent a harrowing time. The bitter cold weather prevailing made matters worse, and it was under these conditions that the unfortunate fishermen drifted for 10 days.

They were in desperate straits when they were sighted by the Tjkembang, which was on its way to Hongkong from Sava by way of Manila. Their provisions had run out some time before and every minute saw them being carried further south. With Japanese sterility, however, they hung on grimly, knowing full well that the chances of their being rescued were remote, and in reality waited for what fate had in store for them.

Still drifting to the south, the Tsuon Maru was sighted by the Tjkembang on Monday. The rescue of the crew was effected without much difficulty, and the nine men were taken on board and fed. On their arrival here yesterday they were handed over to the Japanese authorities.

Despite their terrible ordeal, the men were apparently none the worse for their experience.

STABILISING MONEY  
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NEW YORK BANK GRANTS  
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New York, Dec. 31.

A message from Mexico City states that the National City Bank of New York has granted the Mexican Government a credit of £3,000,000 for the purpose of stabilising exchange in Mexican currency by the purchase of dollar drafts on New York, guaranteed in gold.

The loan will be repaid within six months to two years.—Reuter's American Service.

NEW VICE MINISTER.

FORMER MAYOR OF TOKYO  
APPOINTED.

Tokyo, Dec. 31.

The Cabinet has decided to appoint Mr. Zenjiro Horikiri, formerly Mayor of Tokyo, to succeed the late Marquis Komura as Vice-Minister of the Department of Overseas Affairs.

The funeral of the late Marquis takes place this afternoon.—Reuter.

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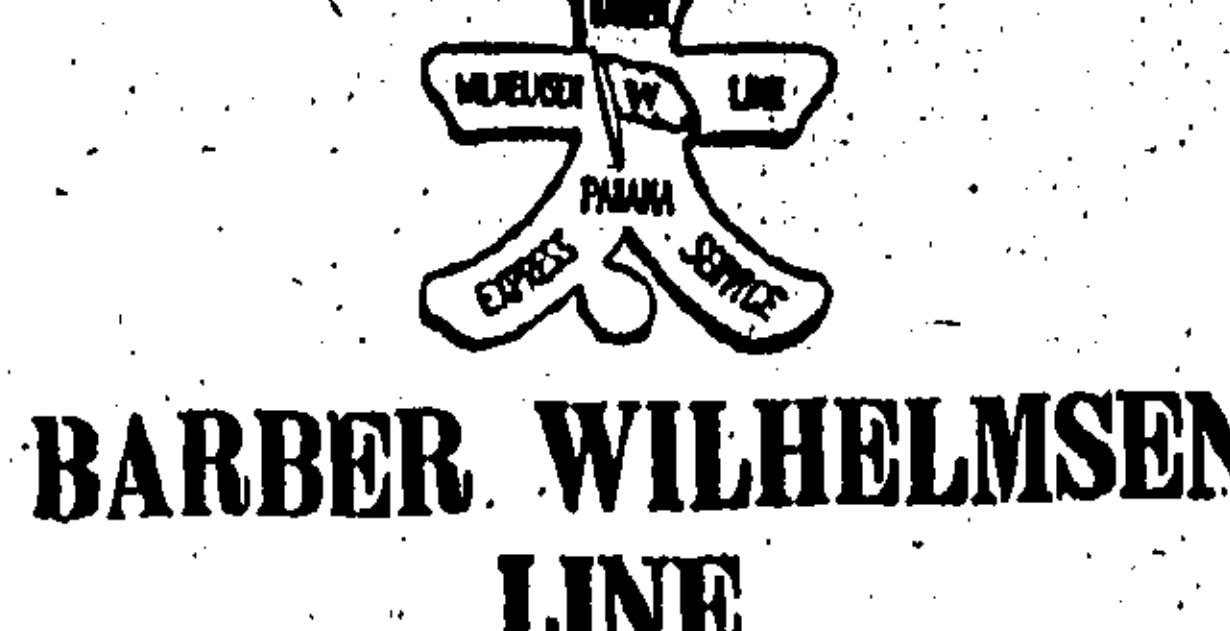
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### NEW GUINEA QUAKE, FOLLOWED BY DESTRUCTIVE TIDAL WAVE.

Sydney, Dec. 31.

According to a radio message from the steamer *Duris*, an alarming earthquake was felt in the

western Islands of New Guinea on December 24, accompanied by an eight foot high tidal wave.

Cattle, and a number of houses, at Awihi were washed out to sea. A European, and a number of natives, escaped by climbing palm trees.—Reuter.

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### MARSHAL JOFFRE FIGHTING.

#### PREMATURE REPORT OF HIS DEATH.

#### FLAGS HALF-MASTERED AS RESULT OF ERROR.

#### ASKS FOR A SHAVE!

Marshal Joffre's wonderful fight against death continues to astound medical men. A report widely circulated in France that the aged Marshal had passed away at noon yesterday has since been disproved.

Paris, Dec. 31.

In spite of a steady downpour of rain, the crowd outside the nursing home where Marshal Joffre is lying, increased to-day, and a strong force of police had to clear the entrance to the clinique.

M. Barthou spent three-quarters of an hour at the Marshal's bedside this morning. On leaving, he said that Joffre was noticeably weaker and the doctors had forbidden all further visits.

#### Heart Attacks.

Dr. Fontaine, after a visit, said that Marshal Joffre might die in five minutes or last until night. It was impossible to tell how much longer his heart would resist. The Marshal had had several heart attacks during the night, but his mind was lucid and apparently he was not suffering pain.

He added that the end would be sudden.

Marshal Joffre several times during the night was heard to murmur to his wife: "It is not so bad."

Occasionally his fingers would wander over the sheet as it used to do over a war map, deeply moving the members of his staff.

Later. "Extraordinary!" gasped a French Staff Officer on emerging from the nursing home at eight o'clock this evening. He told waiting journalists that the Marshal had just summoned a barber and had had a shave!—Reuter.

Later. Marshal Joffre continues to put up a remarkable fight. He passed a quiet night and retains complete possession of his mental faculties.—Reuter.

Paris, Jan. 1. Marshal Joffre died at noon to-day.—Reuter.

Later. The report of the death of Marshal Joffre is incorrect. A communiqué issued at 12.25 p.m. stated that the patient reposest calmly.—Reuter.

Later. The reported death of Joffre is premature. A bulletin states that the patient is resting quietly.—Reuter.

#### Denial Broadbent.

Later. The news of Marshal Joffre's death was broadcast throughout France at 12.40 p.m.

An important concert was stopped and "La Marseillaise" was played as a sign of mourning.

The denial was broadcast only an hour later.—Reuter.

#### Mistaken Report Spreads.

Later. The mistaken report of Marshal Joffre's death was circulated widely. Flags were flown at half-mast in the capital and other signs of mourning appeared.

At Colombo Stadium where a great crowd had gathered for the international rugby match between France and Ireland, the huge assembly stood in silence as a mark of respect and all flags were lowered.—Reuter.

Later. Marshal Joffre is unconscious. A bulletin issued at midnight says he is resting quietly and is suffering no pain.—Reuter.

#### FRANCE DEFEATS IRELAND.

#### BEAT IRISHMEN BY ONE TRY TO NIL.

Paris, Jan. 1. Tactics obviously pre-arranged to cope with the heavy conditions, won the rugby match between France and Ireland for the Frenchmen. They were the better of the two moderate teams, and scored a try to nil.

The superior speed of the Frenchmen had the heels of the Irishmen, except Lightfoot. The Irish backs frisked away many chances by feeble handling. By kick-and-run tactics, the French always gained ground, and Ribere scored a well-deserved try 16 minutes after the interval from a pass from a scrum. Bursting through with an Irishman hanging on to his legs, he dragged himself over the line with the ball underneath.

Lightfoot failed to convert. Ireland's last minute penalty presented a chance, but Ribere beat Lightfoot and touched down.—Reuter.

### HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS.

#### LEADERS DO WELL IN ALL LEAGUES.

#### RANGERS' BATTLE.

Sheffield Wednesday, by their win over Huddersfield on New Year's Day, further consolidated their position as first rivals to the Arsenal at the head of the First Division table. Aston Villa, by losing away to Newcastle, dropped a little, while in the Scottish League the most important result of the day was the Rangers' narrow win over Celtic, by virtue of which the first-named team have a three points lead in the table over the latter.

There was but a small programme of games in the Second Division of the English League, in which Everton won their fifteenth match of the season and gain an even greater lead over all their rivals.

In the Third Division (North), Lincoln won away from home at Darlington, whilst Tranmere went down heavily at Chesterfield and lost their position as second in the table.

The full results of matches played on New Year's Day, as cabled by Reuter, are as follow:

Division I.

Blackburn	0	Manchester C.	1
Bolton	0	Liverpool	0
Manchester U.	0	Leeds	0
Middlesbrough	2	Derby	0
Newcastle	2	Aston Villa	0
Wednesday	2	Huddersfield	1

\* Postponed on account of fog.

Division II.

Barnsley	0	Plymouth	4
Everton	2	Bury	2
Oldham	1	Rend	1

Division III (North).

Accrington	2	Rochdale	3
Barrow	1	Crewe	2
Carlisle	1	Doncaster	1
Darlington	0	Lincoln	1
Gateshead	2	York	1
Hartlepool	6	Wigan	1
New Brighton	0	Stockport	2
Chesterfield	5	Tranmere	1
Southport	8	Nelson	1

\* Game started but abandoned owing to fog. There was no score.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Aberdeen	6	Dundee	1
Clyde	1	Partick	2
East Fife	0	Cowdenbeath	0
Falkirk	1	Aldershot	0
Hibernians	1	Motherwell	0
Kilmarnock	2	Hearts	1
Morton	1	St. Mirren	3
Queen's Park	1	Leith	3
Rangers	1	Ayr	0

\* Not played.

AN ENCOURAGING START.

### IMPORTANT NEW YEAR TRADE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

#### G.W.R. PROGRAMME.

London Dec. 31. The Great Western Railway has undertaken a big programme of development, including a million pound scheme for improving and enlarging Paddington Station, and the construction of £1,200,000 worth of locomotives and rolling stock, to be built at Swindon.

The whole programme involves the expenditure of £28,500,000 and many different industries will benefit.

New contracts and extensions of those existing at a cost in all totalling about £2,000,000 have just been issued by the Central Electrical Board.

A contract valued at £616,000 for a new bridge over the Tees was placed yesterday with Messrs. Dorman Long and Company.

Despite the worldwide trade depression, it is disclosed that eight hundred thousand net value of tons of shipping used the Port of London during the nine months ended September 1930 more than during the corresponding period of the previous year, which established a record.

The Port of London Authority which has just completed a five million pounds programme of new works, thereby considerably improving the port facilities, recently took five per cent off port rates on foreign imports and exports. It has also reduced dock rates on shipping by one penny per net registered ton.—British Wireless.

#### THE NEW VICEROY.

London, Jan. 1. Lord Willingdon, Viceroy of India (designate) intends to sail for India from Marseilles on 3rd April and will arrive at Bombay on the 17th. Lord Irwin will leave Bombay for England on the following day.—British Wireless.

### COAL STOPPAGE IN SOUTH WALES.

#### OVER 150,000 MEN ARE AFFECTED.

#### GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION FAILS TO STAY.

#### VITAL MEETING ON 3RD.

London, Dec. 31.

Efforts were being made in South Wales to-day to avert the coal stoppage threat on the expiry of the temporary agreement to-night. Unless a more favourable last moment occurs the miners, who base their case on the recommendations of the National Industrial Board, will cease work to-morrow.

The owners, who do not recognise the Board, and who say they cannot affirm the aims it suggests, will leave the mines open to-morrow for those men who care to work on the terms they have offered, but unless a further move occurs to-day it is probable that practically all the miners affected will withdraw their labour.

Although the Government is watching the situation closely, the report that they are interested is unconfirmed.

#### Government Intervention.

Later. Hints of a dramatic Government intervention in the coal dispute in South Wales, which will involve 150,000 men, had not materialised to-night.

The owners' terms have been posted at all the pitheads, the notices exciting some agitation among the miners.

It is not expected that the Miners' Federation will call a strike. The men will automatically refuse to work on the owners' terms, considering themselves locked out.

The safety men have decided to work whatever happens.

#### Ray of Hope.

Later. The coal stoppage in South Wales will certainly last three days, but a ray of hope that it will then cease lies in the fact that the miners and the owners have agreed to call a meeting of the Conciliation Board to discuss a settlement. The meeting is to be held on January 3.

Later. A last minute move was made by the Miners' Executive at Cardiff this afternoon, when they adjourned a meeting until the evening in order to meet representatives of the Government who are on their way from London.

#### Government Fails.

Later. Strenuous efforts by Government leaders to obtain a reopening of the negotiations between the owners and miners failed at a late hour.

The Miners' Federation has instructed its members in South Wales not to work to-morrow on the terms posted by the owners.

London, Jan. 1. In the South Wales coalfields to-day, following the failure yesterday to get the owners and men to renew the discussion, the stoppage was almost complete affecting 150,000 miners.

Men are entertained locally and at the Mines Department of a settlement by the Joint Conciliation Board, which, however, cannot meet before Saturday.—Reuter and British Wireless.

#### POLITICAL FIGHTS IN BERLIN.

#### POLICE KEPT BUSY BY REVELLERS.

Berlin, Jan. 1. The New Year opened with political faction fighting. Two Republican Reich-banner supporters were killed in a clash with Nazis in North Berlin, while the police were kept busy in coping with revellers.

Very serious fighting occurred between Nazis and Communists at Stuttgart and eleven were sent to hospital afterwards.—Reuter.

#### NO COTTON FUTURES.

Cairo, Jan. 1. According to the newspaper *El Ahrar*, the Finance Ministry is considering the introduction of a law prohibiting dealing in cotton futures. It is thought that the formation of an Agricultural Bank should make the practice unnecessary.—Reuter.

### AMUSEMENTS OF HONGKONG.

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